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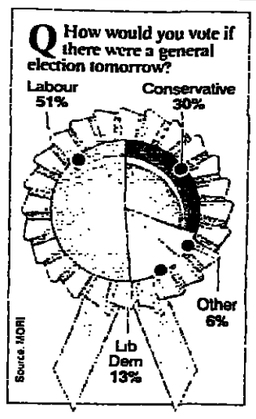
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Feelgood factor swings middle class to Tories

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE Tories are winning back the support of middle-class voters amid signs of greater public optimism about the economy, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The party has recovered to level-pegging with Labour among the middle classes for the first time in two and a half years. This is a crucial shift since the middle classes now make nearly half the electorate and Labour had made big inroads in this traditionally Tory group after Tony Blair's election as Labour leader two years ago. At the end of 1994, Labour had a 48 to 31 point lead among the middle classes. But now both parties are around 40 per cent.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, confirms that Tory support generally is on a slowly rising trend, though Labour retains a commanding overall lead with only eight months to go before the probable election date of May 1. Tory support has risen one point over the past month to 30 per cent, with Labour slipping two points to 51 per cent, its lowest since September last year.

The Liberal Democrats have advanced one point to 13 per cent over the month. Tory support is now three points higher than a year ago, and five to six points higher than two years ago. The key influence seems to have been the return of the "feelgood" factor since there are still only flickers of a revival in satisfaction with the Government or in John Major's personal rating.

The MORI economic optimism index, measuring those believing that the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, stands at plus two points. This is the first positive rating for two years: as recently as last winter the index was around minus 15 points. This improvement reflects rising living standards and consumer spending, coupled with falling unemployment and a pick-up in the housing market.

The Tories' aggressive anti-Labour campaign "demonising" Mr Blair may have helped undermine Mr Blair's previously high personal rating. The index measuring those satisfied/less dissatisfied with the way Mr Blair is doing his job as Labour leader dropped from plus 19 to plus 11 points at the end of July after the rows over the Shadow Cabinet elections and the subsequent reshuffle.

Nonetheless, Labour's overall poll position remains much more favourable than at the same stage before previous elections. Eight months before the last three elections, Labour was either well behind the Tories or, at best, only a couple of points ahead. The present gap is 21 points.

Labour strategists recognise that Tory attacks, and reports about internal divisions, may have increased negative views of the party. Their counter-attack will start today when Mr Blair launches a series of regional tours with a visit to north Wales and the north-west.

The decline in Mr Blair's rating has meant that Paddy Ashdown is now the most popular party leader.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,708 adults at 145 ward sampling points between August 20 and 25. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), who are undecided (7) or who refused to say (3).*

Prince not likely to marry soon, says Major

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND EMMA WILKINS

THE marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales ended with the granting of a decree absolute yesterday as the Prime Minister said there was no immediate prospect of the Prince marrying again.

John Major said: "It is very sad for both the Princess and Prince Charles and their children. People think that was the right thing to happen. I see no prospect of a remarriage at this stage."

Asked if a remarriage by the Prince could cause constitutional problems, Mr Major, who was visiting Faslane naval base on the Clyde for the decommissioning of Britain's last Polaris submarine, said that the question was hypothetical. "There is no prospect of Prince Charles marrying again at the moment. May be at some stage in the future — but that may be some years ahead."

Diana, Princess of Wales, stripped of the title Her Royal Highness, began her new life as a single woman yesterday wearing a broad smile and her wedding and engagement rings as she attended a lunchtime engagement in London.

Attention will now focus even more intensely on the Prince's long standing friendship with Mrs Camilla Parker Bowles, herself a divorcée. Some months ago in a rare public statement on the matter the Prince made it known that he had no immediate intention of marrying her or anyone else. However, the Prince will now be forced to confront the issue of whether to maintain absolute discretion in his relationship or gradually to introduce Mrs Parker Bowles to the public as his regular companion.

At the same time as the 15-year union was being terminated by a civil servant's stamp on a sheet of paper, Buckingham Palace announced a decree by the Queen making clear that women who acquire the Her Royal Highness style by marriage will in future always lose it on divorce.

The Palace said that its decision to announce new rules on royal titles after divorce was not intended as a snub to the Princess, but to avoid debates of the kind that arose this year over the divorces of the Princess and of the Duchess of York, who also lost the title Her Royal Highness.

The text of the Queen's Letters Patent, to be published in the *London Gazette* tomorrow, make clear that, in future, divorced wives of male descendants of the sovereign will not be entitled to use the style Royal Highness. Rules for the title's use were last clarified by George V in 1917.

The divorce proceedings came to a conclusion in an office at the Family Division of the High Court in Somerset House yesterday, when the Prince's lawyers applied for the decree nisi granted on July 15 to be made absolute. A clerk issued the necessary certificate, and lawyers took copies away to give to the parties.

The Prince of Wales remained at Balmoral, where he is holidaying with the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and his sons Prince William and Prince Harry. Five hundred miles away, his former wife kept a long-standing public engagement. She was in light-hearted mood as she visited the offices of the English National Ballet in South Kensington.

Over a lunch of sandwiches and mineral water, the Princess spoke to staff and members of the company before watching a short performance of the ballet, X. N. Tricities. Dancers were unsure how to address her, but Derek Deane, artistic director, avoided the issue by greeting her with a simple "good morning".

Some of the 62 members of the company curtsied while others called her 'Ma'am'. "She was full of her bright sense of humour although she was slightly quieter than usual," Mr Deane said.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Diana, Princess of Wales, wearing her wedding and engagement rings in London yesterday

Slapped wrists for Saatchi's 'demon eyes'

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND JAMES LANDALE

THE Advertising Standards Authority yesterday issued an unprecedented rebuke to a political party when it ruled that the Tories "demon eyes" poster of Tony Blair breached the industry's code of conduct.

The ruling, the first against a political advertisement, was welcomed by many Tory MPs who had been appalled by the depiction of Mr Blair with red shining eyes.

The authority rejected a complaint that the advertisement, carried in three national newspapers, had been offensive to readers or attributed satanic qualities to Mr Blair. But it ruled that the campaign had depicted Mr Blair as "sinister and dishonest" and should not be repeated.

Matti Alderson, director general of the ASA, said the ruling was a rap across the knuckles for the Tories and M & C Saatchi Agency. She said: "They should both have known better. Conservative Central Office should not have run this advertisement. We are talking about an offensive portrayal of a politician."

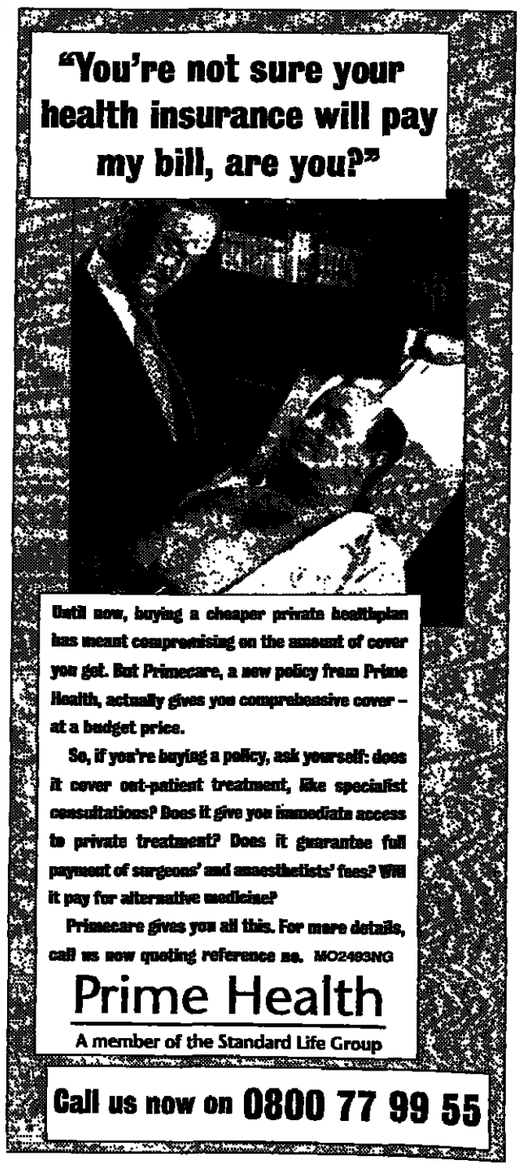
But Conservative Central Office was unrepentant. "We think Tony Blair is sinister and dishonest and will continue to say so," said an official. "The advertisement cost £125,000. We got millions of pounds of free publicity from it. We are happy."

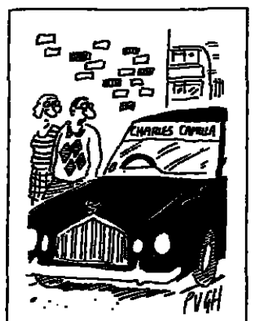
Mr Blair told *Channel 4 News* yesterday: "It is nasty, it is vicious, it is negative. It is all the things that you would expect from the Conservative Party. It is rather inconsistent with John Major's assertion after the death of John Smith that he wanted to clean up party politics."

Sir Julian Critchley, Tory



MP for Aldershot, one of a number of Tory MPs who criticised the advertisement, said last night: "Central Office led with its chin and got what it deserved. It was a disgraceful campaign and foolish to the extreme. The whole point of Tony Blair is that he is Little Red Riding Hood, not the Big Bad Wolf. If only Central Office would ask the opinion of wise elder Tories ... instead of going to some smart alecs in the advertising profession."





"I see the divorce has gone through then"

Botham's boy lives up to his name

BY RICHARD WHITEHEAD

ENGLISH cricket may have found a knight in shining armour in the hour of its greatest need — and his name is Botham.

Liam Botham, 19-year-old son of England's greatest all-rounder, announced his arrival in the county game yesterday with a first appearance that proved he has inherited his father's talent for the theatrical.

In Botham's first appearance for Hampshire he took five wickets for 67 runs off 15 overs against Middlesex at Portsmouth and unveiled an ability sadly lacking in the England attack during their Test series defeat by Pakistan. Bowling at a pace somewhat slower than his father in his heyday but with a strikingly similar run-up, he revealed the knack of ensnaring batsmen with bad balls which was patented by Botham Senior.

His first victim was Mike Gatting, a former England colleague of his father's, via a leg stump half-volley which the former England captain deposited in the hands of a fielder. "He seems to have inherited his father's flair," Gatting wryly observed. "Ian won't be able to give me much stick — he never got me out once in 15 years."

John Carr, soon to become cricket secretary of the English Cricket Board, was Botham's next conquest, caught by the wicketkeeper off a wide long hop and he completed a triumvirate of dismissals with what might euphemistically be termed ordinary deliveries when Richard Johnson hit a full toss straight back to him. Ricky Fay and Philip Tufnell provided the two other more conventional wickets.



Liam Botham: familiar cricket pitch theatrics

Liam, a beefy 6ft 1in and 13½ stone, was not even supposed to be playing yesterday. John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, declared himself recovered from injury and able to play and Botham was dispatched to appear for the second XI along the coast at Southampton. Stephenson then suffered a recurrence of his injury and Botham was summoned by mobile phone to return to Portsmouth.

Botham Senior did not see his son's performance which was a big improvement on his own county championship debut. That was on May 8, 1974 when he took 0 for 15 against Lancashire at Taunton.

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Loyalists order out hardliners

The loyalist paramilitary leadership last night cracked down on hardliners when it ordered two men to leave Northern Ireland within 72 hours or face "summary justice".

Billy Wright, from Portadown, Co Armagh, who served a sentence on an Ulster Volunteer Force prison wing, and Alex Kerr, who is on remand, were given the warning by the Combined Loyalist Military Command .... **Page 2**

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Two men given 72 hours to go as paramilitary leaders move to clamp down on rogue elements

Loyalist hardliners told to leave Ulster or die

BY NICHOLAS WATT
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of loyalist terrorists last night moved to clamp down on Protestant hardliners by ordering two men to leave Northern Ireland within 72 hours or face "summary justice".

Billy Wright, who served a prison sentence on an Ulster Volunteer Force wing, and Alex Kerr, who is currently on remand in prison, were given the blunt warning by the Combined Loyalist Military Command. Mr Wright, who played a leading role during the disturbances at Drumcree last month, was given 72 hours from midnight to leave the Province. Mr Kerr, who is facing terrorist charges, was ordered to leave within 72 hours of his release from prison.

In a statement, the Military Command told the two men that they would be killed if they ignored the order. "Failure by either man to comply with this directive will result in summary justice." The same threat was made to anyone supporting the two men. The statement, from the umbrella organisation for the three main loyalist terrorist groups, was its most dramatic announcement since its ceasefire in October 1994. Mr Wright, 36, has a devoted following in his home town of Portadown, Co Armagh. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader and the local MP, had talks with him at the height of the loyalist disturbances in Drumcree and asked him to use his influence to restrain loyalist paramilitaries.

Later Mr Wright said that he was bewildered by the murder of Michael McGoldrick, a Roman Catholic taxi driver, who was shot dead in Lurgan, Co Armagh, on the second day of the stand-off. "Loyalists have shown they do not have a bloodlust," he said. He added that at Drumcree loyalists had succeeded in resisting sinister pressure from the IRA.

Ian Paisley Jr, the justice spokesman of the Democratic Unionists, last night condemned the loyalist terrorists' statement: "Leaving the personalities aside, any 'death threat on any individual by any organisation is contemptible. It is repugnant and I condemn it with every ounce of strength I have."

Mr Paisley said that the loyalist statement would only play into the hands of the IRA. He also questioned whether the Progressive Unionists and the Ulster Democratic Party, which have links to the paramilitaries, could continue to attend the multiparty talks in the light of the statement.

The statement by the loyalist leadership came 24 hours after David Ervine, a leader of the Progressive Unionists, said that the loyalist ceasefire was close to breaking point. He accused the Irish Government and the Social Democratic and Labour Party of standing shoulder to shoulder with the IRA, and added that he had never known loyalists to feel such vitriol towards Dublin.

☐ Protestants and Roman Catholics reached agreement over a loyalist parade on Saturday, raising hopes for the success of the Independent Review of Parades and Marches which began its work yesterday.

Dr Peter North, the chairman of the new body, said that he was greatly encouraged by the agreement, which will allow members of the Royal Black Preceptory to march through a section of the predominantly Catholic village of Bellaghy, Co Londonderry.

The Independent Review was set up after the disturbances last month in the wake of the loyalist stand-off at Drumcree. Dr North, the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, said in Belfast yesterday: "I am delighted with the local agreement. It could not have been a more opportune step to have been taken for the start of our work."

Loans help Tories pay off £11.4m overdraft

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DEBATE over the sources of Tory funding revived yesterday when the party announced it had moved into the black for the first time in a decade by paying off an £11.4 million overdraft in 15 months.

But the turnaround was achieved only by borrowing millions of pounds from wealthy supporters and local Tory associations.

Conservative Central Office owes £8.5 million in interest-free loans, up from £5.9 million last year. The extra loan income was crucial in clearing the overdraft with the Royal Bank of Scotland. The overdraft had fallen from £11.4 million to £1.9 million in the last financial year.

Figures published by Central Office yesterday showed that income from donations soared from £12.7 million to £18.8 million. About 75 per cent of the cash was donated by private benefactors and companies.

Rebel Tory activists, who have challenged the party high command to publish the names of all donors, said they would mount a fresh assault at the Tory Party conference fringe.

Eric Chalker, a leading member of the Charter Movement which is pressing for change, said: "The improved financial position creates even more worries. While I welcome the fact that the party has now more financial freedom to fight the general election it has been achieved at the expense of raising it from secretive sources."

Labour demanded a statement on the figures from the Prime Minister. John Major attempted to distance himself from party fundraising after the 1992 election by delegating authority to the treasurer's department.

Last year Mr Major visited the Yorkshire home of Graham Kirkham, the founder of the DFS chain, to appeal for financial support. A £4 million loan followed which was later converted into a £5 million donation. Mr Kirkham was knighted in the New Year's Honours for charitable work.

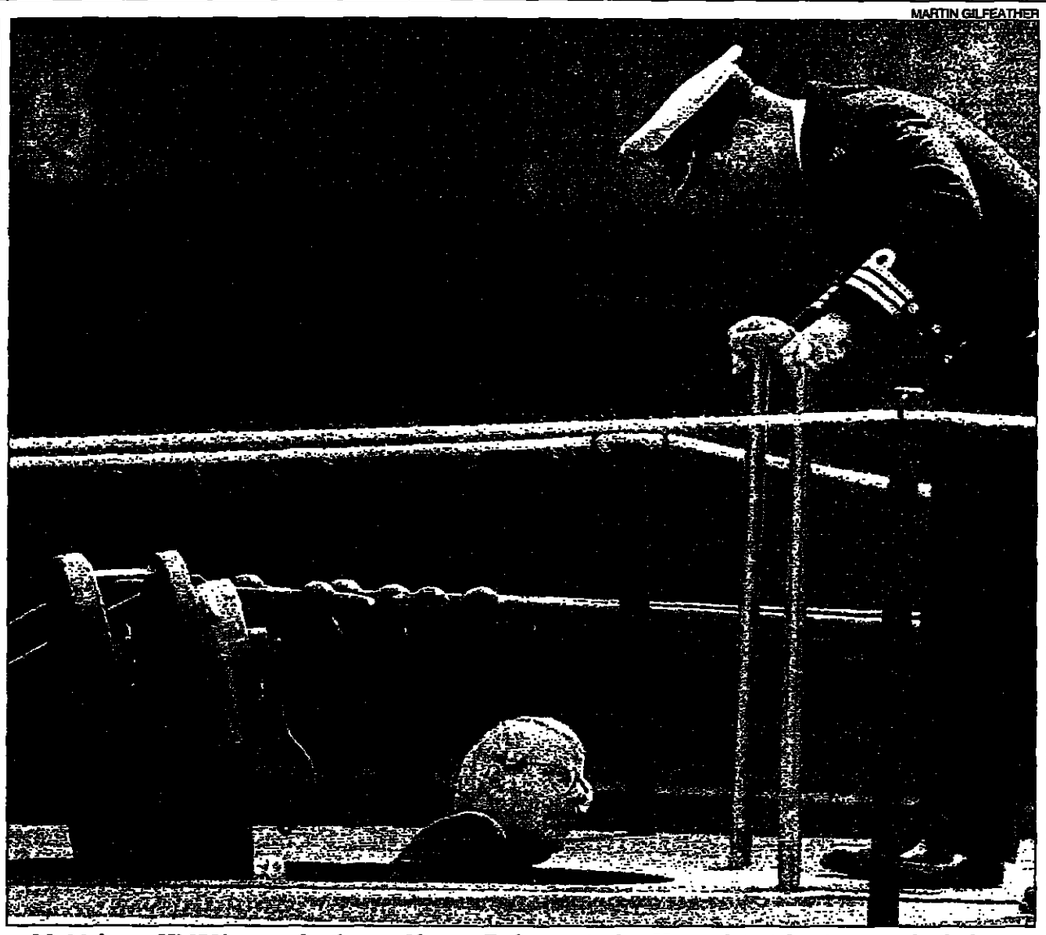
Brian Wilson, Labour's campaigns manager, said: "John Major cannot walk away from this. the funds are raised in his name as leader of the party. The Tories' refusal to reveal funding sources remains one of the great democratic deficits in public life."

Labour is to publish its own annual accounts next week and will name all donors who have given more than £5,000. The party has pledged to change the law on funding, to create more transparency, if they win the election.

The balance sheeet shows that the Tories achieved an operating surplus last year of more than £7 million. But an analysis of the figures show that if the party sold every asset, including Conservative Central Office in Smith Square, which is valued at £6.3 million, it would still be £615,000 in debt.

Tory strategists yesterday emphatically denied that millions of pounds came from abroad and said the money came from reputable individuals or private companies.

MARTIN GILFEATHER



Mr Major on *HMS Vanguard* at the naval base at Faslane yesterday. He was later taken to sea on the the boat

Last Polaris sub bows out after 30 years 'undetected by friend or foe'

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE last of the Royal Navy's Polaris submarines, which was launched with a bottle of homemade elderberry wine in 1967, was decommissioned yesterday. John Major and Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, were present for the ceremony at the Faslane naval base on the Clyde that brought to an end almost 30 years of Polaris patrols. As the Royal Ensign was lowered from *HMS Repulse*, a piper played *Auld Lang Syne*.

All four Polaris boats are now decommissioned, and the two bigger and more powerful Trident submarines will take over as Britain's independent strategic nuclear deterrent until the full four-boat force is in service by the end of the century. Mr Major was treated to a ride in the first of them, *HMS Vanguard*.

HMS Repulse returned to Faslane in May after completing 60 patrols, each lasting about three months. Commander David Phillips, her last commanding officer, said: "I feel considerable pride in her achievements. In March this year she sailed for her 60th deterrent patrol right on time, and on arrival at Faslane in May concluded the Royal Navy's first chapter of its guardianship of the nation's strategic defence."

Mr Major paid tribute to the men who had mounted the patrols "undetected by friend or foe, every minute of every day of every year from 1969 to May this year". He added: "I have no doubt that we are right to maintain a minimum credible strategic nuclear deterrent for the UK. We will continue to do so for as long as our security needs require us to do so. Even though circumstances have changed, the world still remains an uncertain and dangerous place."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Three held after £20m drugs raid

Two men and a woman are being questioned at a central London police station after heroin with an estimated street value of £20 million was seized by police yesterday when they raided a car park. The seizure is thought to be the largest made by police alone.

Officers from the South East Regional Crime Squad found 50 kg of the drug inside the car and another 50 kg under the rear seat in a hollowed out compartment when the vehicle was dismantled by experts. Police said that a large quantity of money was also found in the raid. For operational reasons, police are not disclosing full details of the raid.

Gardeners win case

Anthony and Ann Jolley, the gardeners sacked from the estate of Sebastian de Ferranti, the millionaire industrialist, were unfairly dismissed, an industrial tribunal has ruled. However, the tribunal said there had been a 75 per cent contributory fault by Mr and Mrs Jolley, which will be taken into account at a later compensation hearing.

Seamen killed by gas

Four of the five Japanese seamen killed off the west coast of Ireland last week died as they tried to rescue their chief engineer who was overcome by freon gas as he repaired a refrigeration unit. An inquest in Cork yesterday concluded that all five, including the captain of the *Taisei Maru*, died from gas poisoning. Their bodies will be flown home today.

Tests clear rape suspect

Genetic tests on an alleged rapist arrested in Brittany last week have ruled him out as a suspect in the continuing investigation into the rape and murder of the British schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson. French police said the suspect had allegedly confessed to two other rapes and one attempted rape in the region in the past three months.

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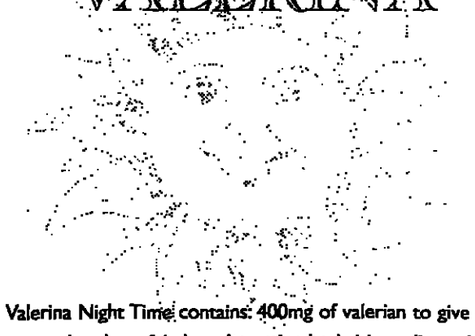
A criminal damage charge against the Manchester United player Nicky Butt has been dropped. The 21-year-old midfielder had been expected to face a two-day hearing before magistrates in Trafford, Greater Manchester, accused of causing £300 damage to a car door. But the Crown Prosecution Service has withdrawn the charge.

Theatre in cash crisis

A theatre set up in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, by Alan Ayckbourn, Britain's most successful living playwright, is facing a cash crisis only four months after it opened. A shortfall in funding from its three main sponsors means the Stephen Joseph complex is likely to be £50,000 in the red at the end of its first year.

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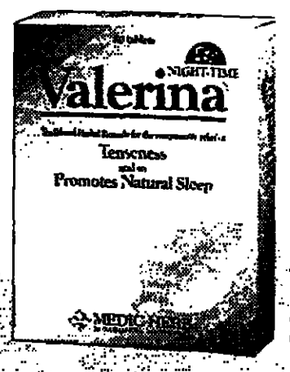
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Ministers call for limit on Brussels' 'intrusive' powers

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS will next week demand curbs on the "intrusive" power of Brussels as they step up their campaign to wrest control of national legislation from the European Commission.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, has increased pressure on fellow European Union members to support British demands for severe restrictions on Brussels' power to intervene in national lawmaking.

The demand for greater powers at national level was unveiled yesterday when the Government published a protocol that would reduce the opportunity for new laws to be introduced across the European Union. The protocol would require an EU institution to prove its case to introduce legislation across member states, rather than at national level. Foreign Office sources said that the protocol would "help to improve the quality of European legislation, and curb some of its more intrusive aspects".

The UK will press for the protocol to be added to the EU Treaty as amended at Maastricht, strengthening the rules on subsidiarity, the principle whereby action is taken where possible at member-state level, rather than across the EU.

Ministers signalled their plan to increase pressure on the Commission to hand back powers to nation states in the Government's White Paper on the future of Europe, which was published in March. The draft protocol is to be discussed at the inter-governmental working group in Brussels next week.

Although ministers of other member states have voiced concern over the reduced powers of national Parliaments, the British proposal is unlikely to win the necessary support. However, the call for tougher controls will answer some Euro-sceptic demands for Britain to take the lead in trying to dismantle Brussels' powers.

The proposed protocol says: "A Community institution shall not adopt a measure unless it is satisfied that the objective of the measure is clearly established, that the objective is aimed at meeting one or more of the objectives of the Treaty, and that the necessary legal basis for its adoption exists. The (EU) Commission shall propose the simplest form of action possible, consistent with satisfactory achievement of the objective of the measure and the necessity for effective enforcement." The protocol states that where the Commission chooses binding rather than non-binding measures; regulations rather than directives; or detailed measures rather than frameworks, it would have to explain why.

In July, Britain tabled proposals at the inter-governmental conference covering the European Court of Justice, quota-hopping by fishermen, animal welfare, the quality of EU legislation, competition rules for agricultural products, trans-European networks and the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

Howard challenged on jail releases

BY RICHARD FORD

A CONVICTED drugs pusher will mount a test case today against Michael Howard to determine whether thousands of prisoners get early release and leave the Government with compensation payments of several hundred million pounds.

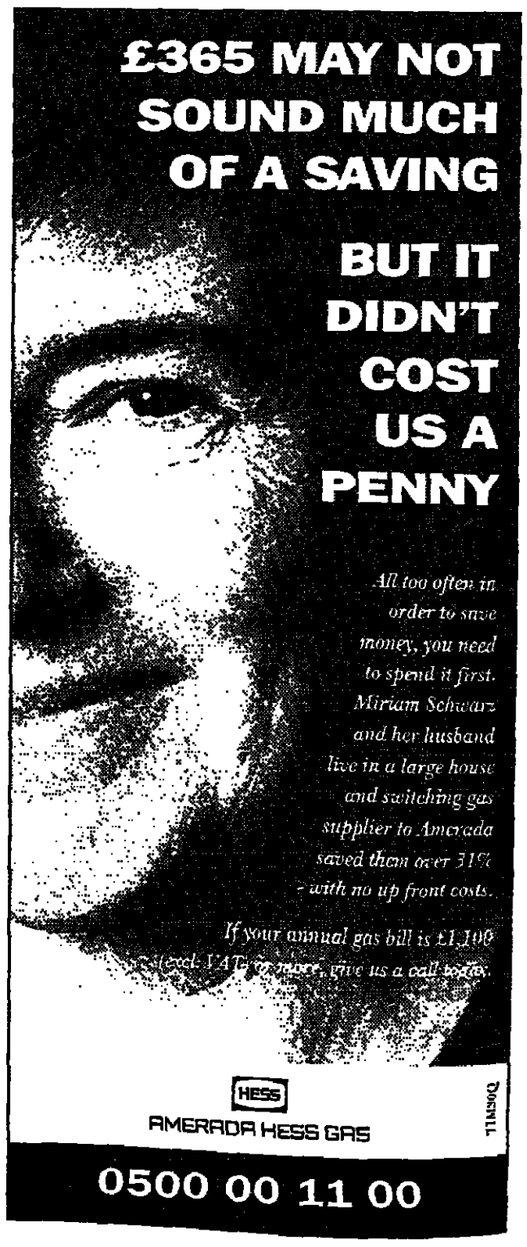
John Naughton, aged 32, serving jail terms for burglary and drugs offences will challenge the home secretary's decision to stop the early release of inmates from jails.

Lawyers acting for Naughton, a petty criminal from Sheffield, who is in Lindholme prison near Doncaster will seek a judicial review of Mr Howard's decision last Friday to halt further releases.

Ministers are anxious to secure a court victory on the issue of the calculation of jail terms because of possibe compensation payments. One source suggested the prison service had estimated a figure of £500m—£750m in compensation going back to 1967.

Naughton's solicitor, John Dickinson, said it would be argued that the time spent on remand before conviction should count' against each consecutive sentence. It will be heard in the Divisional Court by Lord Justice Simon Brown sitting with Mr Justice Popplewell.

A total of 537 inmates were released early before Mr Howard's intervention. Richard Tilt, the director general of the service, is to conduct an inquiry into events leading to the debacle.



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The Venice Film Festival: £30m epic on Michael Collins draws fire from both sides of conflict

Concern as film revives hero of Irish terrorism

FROM DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT, IN VENICE

A POTENTIALLY explosive film about the Irish terrorist Michael Collins is awaiting judgment from politicians as well as critics when it premieres this weekend. The director, Neil Jordan, has already offered a preview to political representatives in Britain and Ireland, amid concern that the film may worsen tensions over the collapse of the Ulster ceasefire.

Rightwingers have accused Jordan of making an "anti-British travesty" while republicans have attacked him for glorifying a man who was killed as a traitor. It stars Liam Neeson, seen as a sympathetic figure after his roles in *Schindler's List* and *Rob Roy*.

The £30 million film, *Michael Collins*, is tipped to be showered with prizes at the festival and the Oscars. Neeson, who was raised as a Catholic in Ballymena, Northern Ireland, is said to have been dreaming of the role for 20 years. He even named his first-born son after Collins.

The early 20th-century Irish freedom-fighter is said to have invented urban terrorism. During the last years of British rule, he ruthlessly ordered the killing of British agents, including 19 in a single morning. He narrowly escaped execution for his part in the 1916 Easter Rising and used the Irish Republican Brotherhood, a forerunner of the IRA, to pioneer a guerilla movement.



Liam Neeson as Collins, one of his own heroes

In 1922 the war for Irish independence ended in truce and Collins took part in negotiations with the British, led by Lloyd George. In signing the Anglo-Irish treaty which partitioned Ireland and fell short of an all-Ireland republic, Collins recognised that he had signed his own death warrant. A civil war erupted in the south and Collins, known as the "Big Fella" was killed in an ambush in his native Co Cork in 1922 at the age 31.

Collins is remembered as one of the most flamboyant patriots that Ireland has ever known. Long after his murder, he was an inspiration to colonial causes worldwide.

He was also famous for his love of women. Julia Roberts, an off-screen former girlfriend of Neeson — who is now married to Natasha Richardson — plays his on-screen lover, Kitty Kiernan. The love scenes have been described as "electrifying". Collins's murder came just two months before they were due to marry.

One critic described Neeson's performance as "so powerful that the ambush scenes are some of the most heart-breaking ever filmed". The film, which co-stars Alan Rickman, is to be released in America in October. A British date is yet to be confirmed.

Its producer, Stephen Woolley, countered criticism by describing the film as a plea for peace.

Jordan is no stranger to controversy. He directed *The Crying Game*, an Oscar-winner about a disillusioned IRA gunman who falls in love with a transvestite.



The director, Neil Jordan. He has been offering previews to politicians

De Niro 'not the mean street kid of his image'

BY DALYA ALBERGE

ROBERT DE NIRO'S tough Mafioso screen image and his code of silence about his real-life youth are being challenged. An unauthorised biography claims to have discovered that he was a happy child with loving parents, not the mean kid from the slum backstreets.

Nor was he even particularly Italian. His father was a second-generation Italian and his mother of Irish-American-Dutch stock.

Andy Doogan, his biographer, has been saying that it suits the studios to portray him as a quiet loner with a tough background. De Niro, star of *Raging Bull* and *Mean Streets*, perpetuates that image by refusing to discuss his childhood.

By talking to De Niro's childhood friends and neighbours, but refusing to name his sources, Mr Doogan, believes he has unmasked the real De Niro in *Untouchable: Robert de Niro Unauthorised*, published by Virgin on September 19.

Far from hanging around with violent gangs, De Niro was a decent kid from an artistic family. On one occasion he was ejected from a department store for travelling the wrong way up an escalator with his friends. "That", Mr Doogan discovered, "was just about as much trouble as he got into."

His father was a gifted painter, a contemporary of Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko, who was "so dedicated to the pursuit of excellence", he destroyed works and painted over canvases. Although his talent was recognised in New York, he disliked the art world and the thought of selling any of his work. De Niro's mother, also a talented painter in her own right, built up a relatively successful typesetting business. Although they divorced when De Niro was two, they both continued to care about him.

De Niro was so close to his father that at his death, Mr Doogan said, he kept his studio as it was; he also liked to spend time there alone. "We have a facade of a tough guy. But here is a sad man who misses his father."

His latest film *Sleepers* has been chosen to open the Venice festival. It co-stars Dustin Hoffman, who yesterday defended the violence in it only months after he had launched a scathing attack on the gratuitous bloodletting of many Hollywood films.

Hoffman said that there was a difference between the mindless brutality of the violent film genre and the violence in *Sleepers* which is based on a true story of sadism in a reform school: "I don't see how you can ever get in trouble by telling the truth," he said.

Jordan carves 'Big Fella' a niche in the pantheon of romantic heroes

Rather than endangering the chances of peace, the film offers an objective view which is more likely to increase general understanding of the troubles, writes ***David Robinson***

MICHAEL COLLINS is one of the great "ifs" of history. How different would Anglo-Irish history have been if Collins had not been gunned down by his own people in 1922, at the age of 31?

Jordan's script is a careful abstract of Collins's life and death, which simplifies a convoluted piece of history without overly distorting it.

A devotee of the Irish independence movement from his youth, Collins quickly became one of its leaders. He created an intelligence machine that effectively penetrated the secrets of Dublin Castle, and developed a form of guerrilla warfare that is still a model for resistance movements around the world.

As played by Liam Neeson, his charm and charisma must have been immense: they not only endeared him to the Irish nation: but even impressed his opponents Lloyd George and Churchill when he came to London as plenipotentiary to the Anglo-Irish treaty negotiations in 1921.

In signing the treaty, Collins recognised that he signed his own death warrant. The concessions he agreed, as the best deal he could get, brought him into direct conflict with the doctrinaire Eamon de Valera — his former ally and comrade-in-arms — and eventually threw Ireland into civil war. Dealing with an inevitably inflammatory subject, Jordan offers what seems a creditably objective view of this complicated piece of history, in which it is easy enough to see the roots of later troubles.

It is certainly more likely to increase understanding rather than foment misunderstandings in the climate of the modern peace process.

The British part in this history was not creditable (and hadn't been for 700 years) but the film's tone is not anti-British. What it depicts of the 1916 executions, the atrocities of the Black-and-Tans, the excesses of the intelligence services, are all well enough documented.

For Jordan, the major conflict is between the pragmatic, humanist Collins and the chilly fanatic De Valera (an amazing interpretative impersonation of the real man, as we remember him from old newsreels, by Alan Rickman).

His boldest piece of historical speculation is to show De Valera directly linked to Collins's assassination.

Jordan says: "I have never lost more sleep over the making of a film than I have over *Michael Collins*. But I'll never make a more important one."

The project goes back some 14 years, when David Puttnam commissioned a script from Jordan. It is hard to predict how the film will impress the Venice audience and jury following the premiere on Saturday. The sweep and spectacle, the performances (with Julia Roberts as Collins's girl friend) and the intelligence with which history is dramatised, will certainly be admired.

Perhaps, too, Neil Jordan's film will assure Michael Collins a place alongside Che Guevara and Salvatore Giuliano in the universal pantheon of romantic revolutionary heroes.

Obsessed mother killed two sons

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOY aged 14 screamed "I don't want to die, Mummy", as she stabbed him and his 11-year-old brother to death, an inquest was told yesterday.

A neighbour who heard Rhodri Williams's repeated pleading at 5am on March 15 thought he was having a nightmare, she told the hearing at Swindon, Wiltshire. Karen Goldsmith heard a thud and running footsteps but went back to sleep thinking the boy had been comforted by one of his parents.

The next day she learnt that Rhodri and his brother Steffan had been found dead in bedrooms at their home in Wootton Bassett. Their mother, Isabelle, 41, had used the carving knife she had used on the boys to kill herself.

David Masters, the Wiltshire coroner, ruled that Mrs Williams committed suicide and that her sons were unlawfully killed. He said she had been obsessed with an "inherited evil" and carried out the killings while acutely depressed.

He noted a "telling phrase" in evidence — not given in full in court — from the Rev Paul Edwards, a Jesuit priest, who had counselled Mrs Williams for her depression. The coroner said: "It seemed to him in many discussions that he had with Isabelle that she was oppressed and obsessed with an inherited evil. It was the result of that obsession that brought her not only to her death but to those of her two boys as well."

Dr Roger Ainsworth, a Home Office pathologist, said both boys had "defence" knife wounds on their fingers and multiple stab wounds to their chests. They had apparently also been struck with a mallet.

Neville Shaw, a counsellor from Swindon, said Mrs Williams had spoken to him of suicide and killing her children at a session two days before she died. Detective Inspector Graham Hatswell said she left letters that showed she intended to take her own life and those of Rhodri and Steffan.

Summing up, the coroner said it appeared Mrs Williams had a fixed idea of herself as a "bad character" who could not change. She believed she felt that that part of her character had passed to her sons. The evidence was unequivocal that the boys were killed by their own mother.

Woman collapses after phone threat

BY PAUL WILKINSON

AN ELDERLY woman was close to death last night after collapsing with fright when she received a threatening phone call.

Yvonne de Havilland dialled 999 before suffering a heart attack. Police found her lying on the floor by the phone in her home in Wheatley Hill, Co Durham.

Detective Inspector Tim Wilson, who is leading the search for the caller, said: "I am treating this inquiry as seriously as I would the most severe physical assault because the telephone was used as a weapon." The pensioner was only able to say that the caller had told her: "You are going to be killed" before slipping into unconsciousness. Last night she was critically ill on a life support machine.

Mrs de Havilland had picked up the phone at her small terraced home at 7.50pm on Tuesday. Two officers went to her house and called an ambulance, but while they comforted her she passed out and her heart stopped. Paramedics carried out emergency heart massage and revived her.

Mr Wilson said: "This is a lady who lived alone, has few relatives and had no known enemies. There is no conceivable reason why she should have received such a call. We don't know whether the caller was a man or a woman because she was in such a terrible state when she called our switchboard."

Police later said that Mrs de Havilland, who is divorced, had been receiving nuisance calls for some time. The call that led to her collapse was the second she had taken that day. She had visited the local police station to report the first when the second call was made.

Dot Leigh, 45, her friend of 28 years, said: "Whoever made the call said they were going to do her over. She became very upset and it appears she suffered an epileptic fit.

"She had been getting crank calls at her old address and she decided to go ex-directory. She was very upset and couldn't understand why someone would want to make the calls. Nothing was ever said and there was lots of heavy breathing and it really frightened her." Mrs de Havilland is a former bus conductor, but has not worked for many years because of her epilepsy.

Woman who walked 3,000 miles to map London's streets dies aged 89

BY LIN JENKINS

PHYLLIS PEARSALL, who put modern London on the map by starting the A to Z street atlas, has died, aged 89. Mrs Pearsall, an artist and author, who was still running the company she started 60 years ago, enjoyed a bohemian life.

The initial guide provided the first correct maps of the city for 20 years, but only because Mrs Pearsall walked 3,000 miles. She would rise at 5am and walk for 18 hours until she had listed all 23,000 roads.

The first edition almost omitted Trafalgar Square after a slight accident with the shoe box containing details of streets beginning "Tr", but a sharp-eyed compositor asked if there was a reason why it was missing.

Selling the guide proved difficult for a petite, if animated, woman in the days when nearly all reps were male. Initial reaction to her efforts was to ask if she was beddable. "I said I was too busy doing the maps," she explained.

But W H Smith took 250 copies and she formed the Geographers' A-Z Map Company. Her enthusiasm for her work led people to believe that the business was her passion. However, painting was her great love. "The maps allow me to paint for joy, not money," she said.

She was forced to leave Roedean at the age of 14 when her father, a Hungarian emigre mapmaker, went bankrupt and fled to America and her Irish-Italian mother thought the presence of a child detrimental to her life with her lover, the painter Alfred E. Orr.

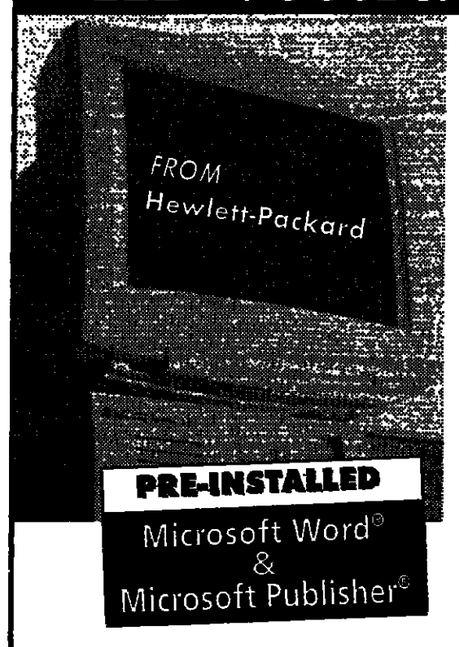
She crossed the Channel to teach English conversation in France and scraped a living painting portraits. She married an older artist and settled in Spain for eight years before leaving him without a word. Mrs Pearsall was back in London when her uncle turned up and said the family was going back into the map business. She lived in Shoreham-by-Sea in a modest flat, driving herself to the office well into her eighties, having passed her test, aged 59, after 259 lessons.

The business was turned into a trust some years ago to protect her employees, whom she described as friends. A trustee company was set up holding 100 per cent of the shares for the staff.She was prompted to safeguard the staff after the owner of a London shop she used died and his family put the shop up for sale, giving the employees a fortnight's notice.

Asked a few years ago whether she ever got lost in London, she replied: "Always, dear."

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History offers scant hope of happy ending for Prince


Charles: urged to delay

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Prince of Wales became a free man yesterday morning. But while free in law to marry again, his options appear everywhere bound in chains.

The Prince has said in the past that he has no intention of marrying Camilla Parker Bowles, or anyone else, in the foreseeable future. Yet yesterday the Countess of Longford, biographer, observer and friend of the Royal Family, said she believed that the Prince and Mrs Parker Bowles would marry within the year and that the country would come to accept the arrangement.

When asked, the country is not so sure. Opinion polls in *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* found that more than 80 per cent of those questioned were against the Prince marrying Mrs Parker Bowles.

The only modern precedent he can look to for guidance or hope is the 1936 abdication. Edward VIII suggested to the Cabinet that he enter a morganatic marriage with Wallis Simpson, in which his wife would forgo all position, title and inheritance, as would any children of the union. But Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, pointed out that morganatic marriage did not exist in English law. It still does not: a morganatic marriage would require legislation in Britain and the 15 other countries of which the Queen is head of state. It is not regarded by constitutional experts as a viable option.

However, the real reason for Baldwin's refusal in 1936 was the belief that the British and Commonwealth public would not tolerate a divorced woman as their Queen. Despite a greatly changed attitude to divorce, the position of the present Prince of Wales appears the same. No Prime Minister would give the necessary approval without being certain that the country at large supported the match.

Charles will look in vain among his distant cousins on European thrones for a suitable precedent, although the Danes had quite a fad for turning mistresses into queens during the 18th and 19th centuries. Frederik IV's wife had been dead but two weeks in 1721 when he married his mistress, Countess Anna Sophie von Reventlow, and made her Queen Anna. David Williamson, Editor of *Debrett's Peerage*, said the Danes did not approve. "It caused a great fuss because Frederik had previously had children by her. He just about got away with it in the 18th century, but I don't imagine you would get away with it now."

Frederik VII, already twice married and divorced when he came to the throne in 1848, entered a morganatic marriage two years later with his long-standing mistress, Louise Rasmussen. This time the Danes objected to having the woman as Queen on the ground that she, like Mrs Parker Bowles, was a divorcée.

One other famous European royal marriage was morganatic — the word is from the medieval Latin *morganaticum*, morning-gift, a token gift given after consummation representing the husband's only liability. Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria contracted such a marriage with Sophie, a mere Bohemian countess, before both fell to an assassin's bullets in Sarajevo in 1914.

Time may soften public attitudes. Lord Blake, the constitutional historian, said there was no reason why the Prince and Mrs Parker Bowles should not continue to see each other in private, but that it was too soon after the divorce to consider marriage. "There should be an interval and I would feel it should be at least a year or more for people to get accustomed to the idea," he said.

In the end it is the will of the people, expressed through Prime Minister, Cabinet and MPs, that will decide the Prince's marital future. He will at all costs wish to avoid a repetition of 1936.

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Camilla: polls against her

Passengers tell of chaos and fear as hijackers struck

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL AND ADRIAN LEE

THE hijackers of the Sudan Air flight SUD150 launched their takeover by smashing Pepsi-Cola bottles and using them as weapons to threaten passengers, the freed hostages said yesterday.

Ahmed Abu Bashir, 42, a Sudanese businessman, said: "It was just like a football riot. People were hitting ... and fighting with the terrorists but the struggle was over in a few minutes."

Mr Bashir, who was travelling to Jordan with his wife and two children, added: "For half an hour we were absolutely terrified until the plane refuelled in Cyprus.

"They had knives and we thought they wanted to kill people on board. A security man hit one of the captors in the face. One of the others had a knife and he stabbed him. There was shouting and screaming. There were women and children there. They were crying and very frightened."

The hijack began 90 minutes into the flight after the plane entered Egyptian air space while approaching the Red Sea on route from Khartoum to Amman in Jordan. The seven hijackers, who were in seats throughout the aircraft, moved up together along the two aisles to the middle of the cabin.

Ahmed Ali, a Sudanese passenger, said the hijack began at about 7.30 local time. "They broke bottles of Pepsi-Cola to use as weapons and we struggled with them. My brother stopped the leader of the terrorists. All the people on the aeroplane just kept their eyes on this struggle. There were three of the kidnappers at the back of the aeroplane and they came forward. They pulled out two bombs — that is what we thought they were."

The chaos intensified as two stewardesses were taken hostage. A security guard was cut on the hand and arm. Passengers seized one of their Iraqi captors but had to free him when another held up what was appeared to be a bomb.

Elageed A-Saied, a senior executive with Sudan Airways who was among the 179 passengers, said: "For the first ten minutes people were shouting and crying. Everything was left to God. Everybody on the plane was scared."

After the Airbus 310 had refuelled at Larnaca for its flight to Stansted the atmosphere became calmer save for the aggression of the ringleader.

Mr A-Saied, 43, said: "This was a criminal operation carried out by nothing more than criminals. They should be severely punished. You do not have to hijack an airliner to escape from Iraq." He paid tribute to the captain Abdul Hamid Hidirbi, 51, and crew who reimposed discipline on board and kept the passengers informed.

Over 160 passengers were taken to the Hilton Hotel at Stansted Airport early yesterday after being held for initial debriefing by police at an overspill lounge. They are not expected to be allowed to leave Britain until today, after they have given statements to police.

Language difficulties and the long ordeal suffered by the passengers were said to be making the process a long and slow one, despite the use of sixteen interpreters.

Anti-terrorist officers interviewed the crew, six Sudanese and one Jordanian, yesterday at a hotel in Harlow. Police continued to examine the aircraft, which remained where it had been parked, in a remote part of the airport.

The hijackers and their six female partners were being held at Harlow and Colchester police stations, where questioning began in earnest yesterday morning. Charges were not expected imminently, an Essex Police spokesman said. Most of the hijackers spoke at least some English and were "clearly terrified" at the prospect of being returned to Iraq.

The Home Office is to cut grants for emergency planning and training by 2 per cent next year (Michael Evans writes). The reduction was disclosed yesterday after a letter to the Association of County Councils. The civil defence grant makes up approximately two-thirds of Essex's £500,000 emergency planning budget. Councillor Nigel Baker, the chairman of Essex County Council's public safety board, criticised the planned cut. "The Stansted incident shows that we need emergency planning and need it to work properly. We should be increasing the emergency planning budget, not cutting it."


Noel Gallagher in Chicago. A critic said the band did not have a reputation for dynamic stage presence, even with "their lead waxwork Liam"

Oasis brothers find peace an ocean apart

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

HARMONY broke through the sibling rivalry of Oasis yesterday, when Noel Gallagher said that his brother Liam was going through a personal crisis and promised that he would support him, not fight with him.

"That never gets anyone anywhere," said Noel, who is having to stand in as lead singer on the band's American tour after Liam refused to get on the plane. "We have had enough of slapping each other. You have to support people when they are going through a personal crisis.

"I can sing as well as Liam can, but I am no front man and it's going to be hard work. The show must go on, which is a motto at the moment. If he telephones, I am telling him I expect him to be in the band when we get back, but you never know with Liam."

Noel, the band's songwriter and guitarist, says in an interview with *Select* magazine: "I am the brains behind the band, the quiet, calm one. Liam's the nutcase. It's a good job he's the singer and not me."

Explanations for Liam's late refusal to board the plane have ranged from a throat infection to housing problems with his fiancée, the actress Patsy Kensit, following the sale of their property in St John's Wood, north London.

His mother said the couple would fly to America tomorrow to join the rest of the band.


Liam in London signals to the press from home

Peggy Gallagher told the *Manchester Evening News* that Liam had telephoned her at home in the city's Burnage district to tell her not to worry. She said: "Liam called to tell me there is not a problem with the band. He says he and Patsy will be flying out on Friday. He just has a few things he has to sort out first."

Thousands of fans cheered Noel's singing as he filled in for his absent brother at the start of the tour, but the 14,000-capacity Rosemont Horizon in the Chicago suburbs was two-thirds full for Tuesday night's concert. Fans had been offered their money back.

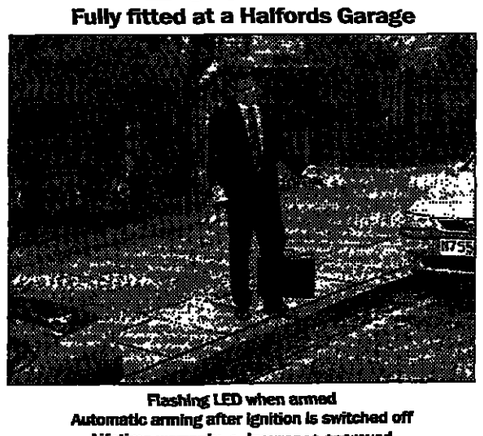
Rick Reger, a rock critic for the *Chicago Tribune*, said: "I thought that Noel filled in pretty well. The sound was not dramatically different. The fans did not seem to notice. In some of the high parts, like *Live for Ever*, his voice kind of cracked. He could not quite make the high parts. Oasis has, here, a reputation for not a very dynamic stage presence. They are reminiscent of Madame Tussaud's at times, and that's when their lead waxwork Liam Gallagher is with the band."

Mr Reger said the band simply rehashed its recordings, without adding much zest in a live performance that lasted 90 minutes. In his opinion, the Screaming Trees, who were the support band, stole the show. A concert organiser described the crowd as "festive and happy".

Oasis's next stop on tour is in Auburn Hills, Michigan, on Friday. After that, the tour moves to Toronto, Massachusetts, New York, Georgia, and North Carolina before ending in Tampa, Florida, on September 18.

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Expelled pupil takes school to High Court

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A PUPIL expelled from school for letting down his teacher's car tyres won the right to challenge the decision in the High Court yesterday.

In a rare move, Martyn Ashworth, 15, was given leave for judicial review on the ground that expulsion may have been too high a price to pay for the April Fool's Day prank. The boy brought the case because he wants to return to Birches Head High School, Stoke-on-Trent, to take his GCSEs next summer.

He was the only one of three pupils involved in the incident to be banned from the school, even though he was not the one who deflated the tyre. The two other boys received temporary exclusions.

An appeal committee set up by Staffordshire County Council to consider the case took into account the boy's poor disciplinary record and backed the school's decision to expel him. Ian Wise, representing Carol Ashworth, the boy's mother, who formally launched the proceedings, claimed in a preliminary High Court hearing yesterday that the penalty was excessive.

Mr Wise said: "The correct approach was whether the incident alleged was serious enough to justify exclusion. That was not the approach adopted. It was considered in the background of the previous incidents."

James Findlay, representing Staffordshire County Council, said the boy had admitted his part in the incident. "The committee did not accept the hearsay evidence alone; they had evidence from the boy that he was involved."

Mr Findlay added: "Letting down the tyre was considered a serious incident. It might be regarded by some as a prank, but by others as a serious safety issue." The boy's previous behaviour had led to five temporary exclusions and visits to the "quiet room" for class disruption, said Mr Findlay.

Mr Justice Popplewell granted a judicial review hearing over the penalty but not on the use of hearsay evidence. He refused to grant an injunction ordering the boy's return to school pending the outcome of the case. However, it will be heard at the earliest opportunity because term starts next week.

The Department for Education and Employment said last night that there had been three judicial reviews brought on behalf of expelled pupils in recent years, but could not say what the outcomes had been.

☐ Parents have been promised that a school will open next Tuesday, despite a strike threat by teachers refusing to teach a disruptive pupil, its governors have said. The assurance came from Nottinghamshire's director of education Rob Valentine, according to Eileen Bennett, chair of governors at Manton Junior School, Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

But Nottinghamshire County Council refused to comment on contingency plans to break the threatened strike and ensure that school starts as usual next week for Manton Junior's 190 children.

Bad gene corrected in cancer milestone

BY NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENTISTS have reduced the size of tumours in some cancer patients in what is being hailed as a milestone in research.

Up to half of all cancers may be caused by defects in a gene called p53, which prevents cells from multiplying uncontrollably. A team at the University of Texas has for the first time introduced correctly functioning copies of p53 into nine men with lung cancer.

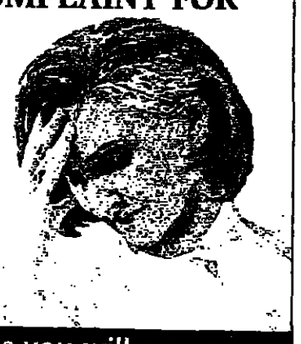
The team reports in *Nature Medicine* that in three patients the tumours shrank, while in another three they stabilised. Two of the patients survived for 22 weeks after the treatment, which had no serious side-effects, although all nine subsequently died.

"These patients had incurable, widely spread disease," said Jack Roth, leader of the team from the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas. "As with any first clinical trial, our goal was to see if our proposed process worked and if it would be as safe in humans as we had observed in earlier animal studies."

Mike Fried, who works on p53 at the laboratories of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London, said: "It looks interesting, but all the patients died." He added that for the treatment to work, the gene would have to be introduced into every tumour cell. "If you got even 90 per cent of them, it wouldn't be enough. The ones that were left would soon restore the tumour to its original size."

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'This is all sour grapes. There are many leading architects who are not registered'

Winner of design award fined for being unqualified

By Robin Young

THE winner of the BBC Design Award for architecture was fined £2,000 yesterday because she was not registered as an architect.

Gabriele Bramante was prosecuted by the Architects Registration Council at the instigation of a Citizens Advice Bureau for which she had raised £200,000 to enable her winning design to be built. The action was brought under the 1938 Architects Registration Act because letters to the Kingston CAB in Chessington, southwest London, from her firm, Bramante Architects of Teddington, carried the word "architect".

The case is the latest clash of wills between Mrs Bramante and the CAB, which now occupies her Japanese-influenced building. Mrs Bramante was so determined that her design should not be compromised in any way that on the night before it was opened by the Princess Royal, she and two friends removed two 18 ft conifers planted in front of it and substituted the silver birches her design had originally stipulated.



Frank Lloyd Wright, left, and Le Corbusier. Mrs Bramante said they were never formally registered

The CAB is now preventing the building from being considered for the Stirling Prize, Britain's top architectural award, on the ground that it has had too many judges and architectural students viewing the building and distracting staff from their work. The building has won three other architectural prizes. Keith Barker, representing the registration council, told Richmond magistrates yesterday that there was no record of Mrs Bramante being a fully qualified architect. She was fined £1,000 on each of two counts of misrepresentation and was ordered to pay £700 costs.

Mrs Bramante, who shares her surname with an earlier architect who designed St Paul's in Rome, but says the connection is only through marriage, said yesterday that she had had no chance to defend herself because she was unaware of the hearing.

"This is all a vindictive case of sour grapes. There are many leading architects who are not registered with any council. Frank Lloyd Wright, Le Corbusier and Tadao Endo, the most famous Japanese architect, were never formally registered."

Of her own case, she said: "I took a degree at Kingston University, then went to Japan to study and won a scholarship to Harvard for the masters in architecture course in 1986. I had written to the registration council to ask them to equate my foreign qualifications and academic record to qualification in this country."

Mrs Bramante's other buildings include toilets for St George's Hospital in Tooting, south London, refurbishments for Look Ahead Housing Association and work on Forte hotels in Germany.

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Bramante said she had asked to be registered on the basis of her studies abroad

Critic of tobacco cash for medical study sent home

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A SENIOR official of the Medical Research Council has been suspended for criticising its acceptance of money from the tobacco industry.

Mary Rice, the council's head of public communications, was sent home after being quoted as saying that she did not think the £147,000 grant from BAT Industries should have been accepted. "I didn't think it could be justified," she told *The Sunday Times*. "I thought it would be seriously damaging to the council's reputation as an impartial source of scientific knowledge. I put this in writing but was overruled."

BAT gave the money for a study at the council's neurochemical pathology unit in Newcastle upon Tyne to investigate whether smoking tobacco could delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease. The council defended the grant by saying that it could lead to new approaches to treating age-related brain disorders.

Jane Lee, director of corporate affairs at the council, said there had been "a difference of view" between Ms Rice and the council. "We asked her to take a period off while we reflected further," she said.

The council's position is that it is impossible to exclude sources of revenue because of the business they are in. "You can't have a list of companies you can't deal with," Ms Lee said. The council laid down clear conditions for the acceptance of grants. "We would never agree to a grant unless we had complete discretion to publish the results of the research, for example," she said.

In a statement, the council said that the BAT funding was subject to strict conditions. The agreement makes it clear that the sum provided, £49,000 a year for three years, is a donation and that the council has absolute control over the research and publication of results.

It also stipulates that BAT may not make any reference to the findings of the research without the written consent of the council, and "it is most unlikely that the MRC would consent to any such request".

Ms Rice was unavailable for comment yesterday. Her position is likely to find support in the council, which was responsible for the original research in the 1950s into the health effects of smoking.

The council's scientists have been among those who have called for a ban on tobacco advertising.

Spirited broker's premium vision

HOUSEHOLDERS whose worst nightmares extend beyond fire and theft were invited yesterday to take out insurance against attack by evil spirits.

The policy may be just the thing to bring peace of mind after an episode of the *X Files*. It may also be perfect to bring a little extra publicity for the broker Simon Burgess, who recently began offering cover against alien abduction.

Mr Burgess admitted that customers of his City firm GRIP would need to look beyond just the spirit of the policy. In exchange for a £25 premium, they will receive £100,000 only if actually attacked by an apparition, or £1 million if a woman is impregnated by a poltergeist. The small-print warns that run of the mill crockery-smashing and hellish odours are not covered.

He refused to be drawn on whether he believed in ghosts, but said: "Obviously we would have independent assessors before a £100,000 payout is made. We might rely on video or sound recordings.

"While we were issuing cover against alien abduction we found people wanted insurance against poltergeists. We would expect the number of policies to run into the thousands."

One of the first customers to approach him, Joe Tagliarini, 23, a courier from Enfield, north London, said he had seen the ghost of a dead child when he was young and hoped an insurance certificate would act as "a good luck charm".

He admitted that his girlfriend, Carol, had not thought much of his plan. "When I told her I was going to spend £25 on the insurance she was pretty sceptical, but I think she sees the method in my madness. I don't think that validating the claims will be a problem. If the assessors see the kind of things that I have seen, they would pay up straight away."

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AN OPEN INVITATION TO MICHAEL MEACHER MP AND THE LABOUR PARTY FROM NORTH WEST WATER.

In a recent report to the media, Mr Michael Meacher MP pours more than scorn over the water industry.

He claims that bathing off certain popular beaches is equivalent to "swimming in raw sewage", thanks to the water companies dumping it straight into the sea.

North West Water, according to his report, are the worst offenders.

However, he neglects to point out that his report is based largely on some very old facts and figures.

The effect of this inaccurate report is to damage the development of tourism - a vital part of the North West economy - and with it the creation of new jobs.

To bring the Shadow Environmental Protection Secretary up to date, and avert any further damage to North West tourism, here are some 1996 facts and figures for him to digest before his next public outpouring.

FACT: Launched in 1994, North West Water's £500 million Sea Change initiative is not only a major feat of British engineering, it's also one of Europe's largest ever environmental clean up operations.

FACT: Sea Change brings to an end the centuries old daily practice of dumping raw sewage directly into the sea.

FACT: 30 major projects have been undertaken along the North West coastline (from the Scottish border down to Merseyside), and this massive investment programme is now virtually complete.

FACT: The work has included 12 new or upgraded wastewater treatment plants, over 20 kilometres of new wastewater super-tunnels, 35 new pumping stations, and 9 new long sea outfalls.

FACT: Wastewater is now being treated using the latest biological methods to meet stringent legal and regulatory standards before it is safely released into deep water as far as three miles out to sea.

FACT: Sea Change is just part of a £2 billion environmental programme North West Water is carrying out to improve the quality of the region's rivers and bathing waters.

If misinformation is to be the basis of Mr Meacher's future reports to voters there is little we, or anyone else, can do to stop him.

However, we believe the public deserve something better - the truth.

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Facing up to the future

Former satirist behind top school assembly tunes

Folk singer strikes chord with young worshippers

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

A FOLK singer aged 81 scored his biggest chart hit yesterday when his songs filled three of the top six places in the first listing of the most popular songs in school assemblies.

A survey of 520 schools showed that Sydney Carter's *One More Step* was the copyright work most commonly requested for use in collective worship. One of his other hits in the top 20, produced by Christian Copyright Licensing, was *Lord of the Dance*, whose image of Christ dancing once upset traditionalists.

Long-established children's hymns such as *All Things Bright and Beautiful* are no longer covered by copyright, so do not appear in the list. But Andrea Shearn, who conducted the research, said that modern songs were increasingly popular at primary schools, often at the expense of older hymns.

More than 7,000 schools pay an average of £90 a year to reproduce the words of 120,000 hymns and songs for collective worship. Most of the hit works come from the BBC's *Common Praise* book, which has sold more than 3 million copies since 1978.

Geoff Marshall Taylor, who edits the book and has one of his own songs in the top 20, said: "Over the past 20 years, primary schools have developed their own repertoire of singing, which overlaps with the churches'. Many schools like to have a mixture of modern works and older hymns."

Mr Carter said he thought his songs were popular with teachers because they were "not so doctrinal" as some religious works. "They are songs which can be sung in a Christian context, but they all had to mean something to me because I was often on the edge of not believing." Now mainly a prose writer, Mr Carter wrote his most popular songs in the 1960s and 1970s. "The songs certainly have not made my fortune, but I am still grateful for the royalties when they come in."

He was a friend of Malcolm Muggeridge, a lyricist for Donald Swann and a writer for the satirical television show *That Was The Week That Was*.

He said he was pleased at the popularity of his songs for collective worship. "There are obvious problems with so many different denominations in schools today, but I had collective worship at school and I do not think it is a bad thing."

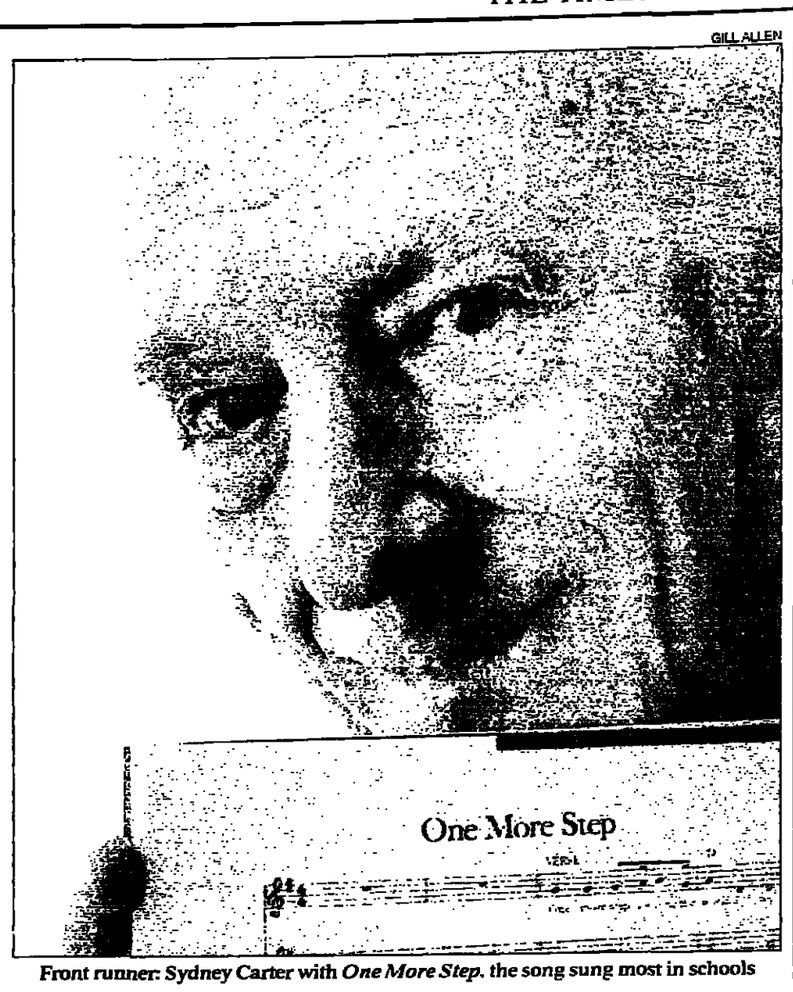
A sharp increase in the number of copyright licences issued in the past year suggests that primary schools at least are taking note of the Government's insistence that they observe the law on daily collective worship. Most of the top 20 are songs mainly for younger children.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOP 10

1 One more step ..... Sydney Carter
2 Light up the fire ..... Sue McCellan, Keith Ryecroft, John Paculabo
3 Who put the colours in the rainbow? ..... Paul Booth
4 Think of a world without any flowers .... Doreen Newport
5 Lord of the dance ..... Sydney Carter
6 When I needed a neighbour ..... Sydney Carter
7 Thank you, Lord, for this fine day .. Diane Davis Andrew, Christian O'Connell
8 Water of life ..... Christian Strover
9 Peace perfect peace ..... Kevin Mayhew
10 Shine Jesus shine ..... Graham Kendrick

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Front runner: Sydney Carter with One More Step, the song sung most in schools

Toy store prosecuted over child's slide death

BY PAUL WILKINSON

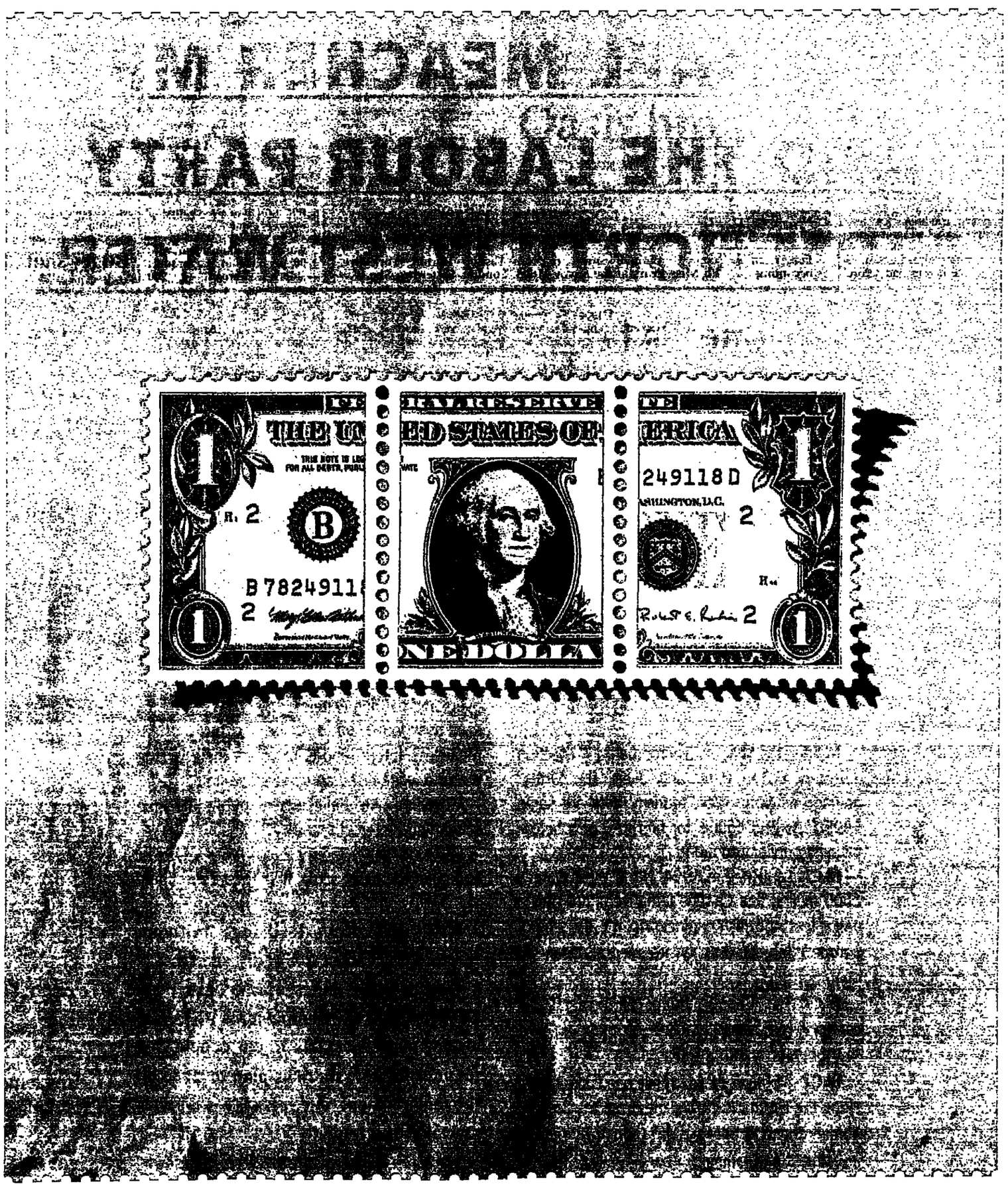
A HIGH street toy chain is to be prosecuted for an alleged breach of safety requirements after the death of a three-year-old girl on a children's slide.

The decision by trading standards officers to take the Early Learning Centre to court is the fulfilment of a campaign by the mother of the girl, who choked to death last April. Kirsty Docking, 24, found her daughter Amy hanging from a supporting strut of the slide in the garden of her home in Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne. An inquest has yet to be held.

More than 200,000 of the slides had been sold by the time of the accident and the model was withdrawn and modified. It went back on sale on May 18.

John Menzies, the parent company of the Early Learning Centre, can choose to have the case heard by magistrates or before a jury at a Crown Court. If found guilty it could be fined up to £5,000. The toy store, based in Swindon, denies responsibility.

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BSE 'will end by 2001 with or without cull'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BSE was in rapid decline and was expected to peter out by 2001, but slaughtering millions of cows would not make it go away much more quickly, a study has concluded.

Without culling, another 6,950 cases of "mad cow" disease were to be expected, to add to the 161,412 cases since the disease appeared ten years ago. But no policy short of large-scale slaughter could have a dramatic impact on the numbers.

The study, carried out by a team led by Roy Anderson of Oxford University, takes into account the recent discovery of a low level of maternal transmission of the disease from cow to calf.

Using all that is known about how the disease originated, how it is transmitted and the susceptibility of cows of different ages, the team produced a mathematical model that fits the observed trends in the disease.

This showed that about 446,000 infected animals entered the human food chain before cow brains and spinal cords were banned in 1989. Between then and the end of 1995, another 283,000 infected cows had been eaten, the team says in *Nature*.

The total number of cows infected by the end of 1995 was estimated to have been 903,000. This is much higher than the number of cases diagnosed, because most of the animals were slaughtered before the disease became apparent.

The team has produced estimates of the number of cases that would be prevented by various slaughter policies. Slaughtering all cattle, a total of 9,360,000, would prevent all 6,950 cases that were expected to emerge before the epidemic petered out in 2001, but at enormous cost. A more selective cull, targeting herds that had a case of BSE between the beginning of 1991 and the end of 1995, would involve killing 2,870,000 cows and would prevent 6,300 cases. All the more modest options, involving culling up to hundreds of thousands of cows, would reduce the number of cases much less.

The most efficent, measured in terms of the number of cattle killed per case prevented, would be a combination of aiming at infected herds and the calves of infected mothers. Such a policy could reduce the number of cases by 1,490, at a cost of 44,000 cattle slaughtered — or 30 cattle culled per case prevented.

David Skegg, of the University of Otago, says in the journal that the arcane mathematics should not blind anyone to the limitations of the data. The model predicts 221 cases in the year 2000, but he points out that that was merely the most likely number in a range from 128 to 3,660 cases.



Moving up: the white admiral, left, and painted lady

Butterflies driven north by warming

BY NICK NUTTALL

COLONIES of a common butterfly called Edith's checkerspot were advancing towards the Arctic Circle in search of cooler climes because of global warming.

American researchers said that the finding was the first confirmation of a predicted change in the range and distribution of sensitive species because of climate change.

The study of the effect of global warming on the Edith's checkerspot, which lives from Mexico to Canada, is the first of a single species over its geographical range. Dorian Moss, of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology in Monks Wood, Cambridgeshire, said yesterday that the results added weight to findings in Britain.

A 20-year survey of British butterflies found that many common species were advancing north. White admirals had moved as far north as Lincolnshire and the gatekeeper butterfly had been seen in Cumbria and Scotland. Predictions of global warming indicated that butterflies may also leave low-lying areas for the cooler higher altitudes.

Assessing British butterflies across their range is difficult because historical information from North Africa and Europe, where some spend the winter, is often scanty. British researchers suspect that milder winters in North African breeding areas may be the reason for the current influx of painted lady butterflies.

The American research, published in *Nature*, was carried out by Camille Parmesan of the University of Santa Barbara. She found that populations of Edith's checkerspot in Mexico were now four times more likely to be extinct than those in Canada: "Sites where previously recorded populations still existed were on average two degrees further north [140 miles] than sites where the populations were extinct."

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Meningitis kills schoolboy hours after he gets ten As in exams

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A SCHOOL was yesterday planning to start term with a memorial service for a star pupil who died of meningitis just days after gaining ten A-grade GCSEs.

Rhys Callaghan, 16, was celebrating his results from St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic School in Newcastle upon Tyne when he became ill with flu-like symptoms. He died in Newcastle General Hospital 48 hours after collecting his grades from school. His father, John, said that the family felt destroyed.

"The day after Rhys got his exam results, he came home from his part-time job at McDonald's with a pain under his arms. He thought it was from lifting heavy boxes off the shelves, rubbed some cream on it and went to bed."

He added: "During the night he was sick several times and by morning had a headache and sore throat.

"My wife Toni spotted a couple of purple spots on his neck and cheeks. She knew the symptoms because she had read an article about meningitis and called a doctor straight away.

"When Rhys was taken into hospital, doctors said he had a 90 per cent chance of survival. We knew he was poorly but thought we had caught it just in time, but four hours later he died."

Mr Callaghan said Rhys had been on a high after his results, which included starred A grades in French, history, mathematics and religious studies. He added: "He had just done famously well in his exams and had so much going for him. We were so proud of him but he was the most unassuming kid you could imagine. He was dedicated to his work but he never bragged or boasted — he didn't have any bad bits."

The family have all been treated against the group C strain of meningococcal meningitis as a precaution. A spokesman at McDonald's said no staff had needed treatment. Edward Lovell, head teacher of St Cuthbert's, a Roman Catholic boys' school with 1,070 pupils, said that a number of Rhys's former friends and classmates had already taken part in prayers and a mass was arranged for Wednesday.

Mr Lovell said: "Rhys was a modest and unassuming lad and a great character and the whole staff and pupils are absolutely devastated by what has happened.

"He was in here just last Thursday and died on Saturday. He certainly would have been coming to our sixth form to do A levels and was a sure prospect for higher education."

Tom Collins, 16, a fellow pupil, said: "I saw Rhys on Thursday at school when he went in to get his exam results and he was absolutely fine.

"The next thing I knew I got a phone call at the weekend to say he had died."

Dr Semira Manaseki, registrar in public health, based at Newcastle General Hospital, said that there would be no risk to anyone at the McDonald's where Rhys worked.

She said: "The disease does not get passed to people by eating food. It is only those who are in high-level contact with a victim who could be at risk. These would be people such as the victim's immediate family, who are with him for many hours at a time."

She added: "It is a deadly disease because it can strike so quickly and can affect victims who are so young. This is a particularly tragic case."

Angry laird sparks chicken or Eigg row over £2m isle

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A QUESTION of who came first to the island of Eigg threatened yesterday to upset a £2 million public appeal to wrest it from private ownership.

A former laird said that island settlers were "chancers" who had driven away native Hebrideans and deserved no public money. But occupants who helped to keep themselves by raising chickens and goats pointed out that some islanders had been there for generations, while the one-time laird, the millionaire businessman Keith Schellenberg, came from Yorkshire.

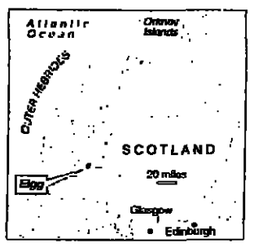
The head of the Highland Council — which is a partner in the public appeal with the slogan "Let's crack it" — pointed out that as the island's population had been wiped out three times in clan massacres, everyone was an incomer anyway.

Mr Schellenberg had a troubled reign as laird and left a year after finding his vintage Rolls Royce mysteriously destroyed by fire. His eventual departure was celebrated with jeers from the residents he had once described as "communists". He sold Eigg 16 months ago for £1.6 million to its current owner, Marlin Eckhart Maruma, a German artist, who has put it back on the property market.

Mr Schellenberg, 67, a former Olympic bobsleigh champion who now lives on Kintyre, said: "I brought those people there and none of them are true Hebrideans. They are squashing the true Hebridean out like the grey squirrel is getting rid of the native red.

"I could not think of a less worthy cause. Asking for money to buy the island will be like an extension of social security. They have already received public money. Most have received 90 per cent grants on their homes."

Islanders said Mr Schellenberg no longer had any right to determine their future. Maggie Fyffe, 47, secretary of the Isle of Eigg Trust said: "He has been and gone."



Mrs Fyffe, who runs a craft shop and keeps chickens and goats, came to Eigg with Mr Schellenberg 20 years ago and has since had two children who are "natives". She admitted he did bring a number of people with him to work on his estate, but said he had eventually made them redundant.

"This is our home," she said. "We have invested a good chunk of our lives here. My children are from Eigg. Under his own reckoning, what right did he have to buy Eigg? He is from Yorkshire."

Fiona Cherry, 27, a third-generation islander who runs the post office, objected to anyone being called a chancer. Her grandfather was a shepherd on Eigg and her father was a fisherman. She said: "We are committed to buying the island so we don't have to put up with absentee landlords any more."

Nick Reiter, head of policy at Highland Council, said: "Is he also suggesting that Highland Council and the Scottish Wildlife Trust are chancers?"

The Eigg appeal, he said, was a registered charity with a good business plan: "Schellenberg is totally irrelevant. He is part of the unhappy past. We are not looking at the past, we are looking to the future."

Mr Schellenberg said the population had risen from 38 to 80 during his time, that he had restored 20 houses and the island had moved forward under private ownership. But Mr Reiter said a survey a few years ago revealed that many islanders were living in substandard conditions. A few crofters had had grants for improvements, but many were unable to qualify because few estate houses had secure leases.

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Long-running soap: Dominique Smith, 6, from Bishop Burton, Yorkshire, becoming the 39th Miss Pears at the Savoy Hotel, London, yesterday. She won £1,000 and a holiday in Florida. Her photograph will appear on cartons next year

Scots seek protection for whisky in China

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

SCOTCH whisky makers are hoping to persuade China to give the drink legal protection from counterfeiters.

Eight Chinese scientists on a three-day visit to distilleries to see what makes Scotch so special will have talks with government officials in London tomorrow.

The industry, one of Britain's top five manufacturing exporters, believes China offers enormous potential for sales.

In five years, shipments to the communist state grew by 160 per cent to 251,000 bottles in 1995, compared with 98,000 bottles in 1990.

The Scotch Whisky Association, which invited the Chinese to visit, wants China to adopt regulations similar to those in Britain, guaranteeing that any bottle with a Scotch whisky label holds whisky made and matured in Scotland for at least three years.

The Chinese party sampled the "water of life" at Strathisla distillery in Tayside and Cameronbridge in Fife.

Campbell Evans, of the SWA, said: "Scotch whisky is fairly new to the communist market and some of these technicians, who all have a scientific background, might not have had the chance to taste the range."

The Scotch industry is worth £2.3 billion a year, with 90 per cent of the product shipped abroad to 200 markets.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Morrissey convicted in absence

Neil Morrissey, the star of the BBC1 comedy *Men Behaving Badly*, was convicted yesterday of driving without insurance or an MOT certificate after he failed to appear in court for the thirteenth time.

Magistrates in Redhill, Surrey adjourned sentence on Morrissey, 34, of Crouch End, north London, until September 19. Eric Epson, chairman of the bench, said that disqualification was a possibility.

Prank backfires

Two directors of 999, the BBC programme based on real-life emergencies, have been sacked for taping an imitation explosive device to a desk. The prank led to the evacuation of more than 600 staff from the BBC's Bristol headquarters.

Canine surgery

A vet carried out a hip replacement on a labrador using equipment salvaged from hospitals where he had studied the procedure on human beings. Graham Oliver, of Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, said the dog was doing well.

Judge banned

Michael Parker, 71, a former judge of Paddington, west London, has been banned from driving for a year and fined £400 with £30 costs by Marylebone magistrates after crashing his car while more than double the alcohol limit.

Bogey shot

A golf ball has caused a school roof to collapse. It lodged in the downpipe at Northfield Comprehensive in Billingham, Durham, and stopped torrential rain from draining away until the roof collapsed under six inches of water.

Back-seat nag

A man drove 18 miles with a Shetland pony on the back seat of his Ford Escort after buying the animal at a horse fair in Cumbria. The man, aged 37, may be charged with breaching rules on the transport of livestock.

Why thoroughly modern Miss Jones is far too busy to take a letter

BY TIM JONES

REPORTS of the demise of the office secretary have, it seems, been much exaggerated. Far from fading into oblivion with her shorthand notebook and pencil, the modern secretary has embraced the revolution in workplace technology to become more vital than ever.

A survey published today shows that while many managers have struggled to keep up with the challenges of high-tech offices secretaries have mastered the change.

The report, by Reed Employment, shows that secretaries now leave managers to write their own letters on word processors, which allow poor typists to correct as they go, while they concentrate on more important matters. One in six of 468 British companies surveyed admitted that secretaries knew more about the company than their managers. According to Reed, the job description of a top secretary is now more impressive than that of the person for whom she works. It might read: "Accounts compilation, budgetary control, organising events and conferences, rewriting and presenting reports and statistics and managing buildings and equipment maintenance." In addition, secretaries deal with the car fleet, arrange insurance, handle health and safety issues, payroll, customer complaints, purchasing, training and recruitment and cleaning and catering contracts.

While almost 60 per cent of employers say their secretaries are making more decisions than ever, hardly any of them are rewarded with promotion. This is in spite of 40 per cent of managers admitting that their secretaries are giving formal technology training and advice to other workers.

James Reed, director of Reed Employment, said: "The demise of the secretary predicted by some has not happened. Their technical and IT skills, combined with their organisational abilities, have secured the modern secretary a vital position at the heart of business. Instead of being pigeonholed as typists, secretaries are now called upon to play a major role as communicators and co-ordinators."

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Belgians fear paedophiles with power helped to protect killers

As more details of Belgium's child-sex ring emerge, many people in the country suspect that there may have been more to lapses by the police than mere errors, writes Charles Bremner

AS THE horrible deeds of Marc Dutroux have been exposed over the past two weeks, a chilling question has lingered in the minds of Belgians: how far did his network of child abduction and torture reach?

"These are testing moments for a society," *La Libre Belgique* said yesterday. "Brutally, it has lost contact with the references that serve in normal times."

The words testify to the sense of trauma and shame that has swept Belgium, casting a pall over the late summer and the start of the new school year. The arrest of nine other people, including a police inspector, and the seizure of hundreds of videotapes featuring the abuse of children have made clear that, unlike Frederick and Rosemary West in Britain, Dutroux was not an isolated madman with a compliant wife.

Echoing the talk of cafés and family meal tables, the media have speculated that paedophiles with power may have been behind the apparent immunity enjoyed by Dutroux as he cruised Belgium picking up girls, despite a shelf of police reports of his suspicious activities. He was finally arrested only after a boy remembered the number plate of his van near the scene of an abduction. The lapses included failure to follow up on information that the unemployed and convicted child-rapist had been offering money for the abduction of girls and had built cellars in his houses around Charleroi. One image haunts the country: that of policemen searching Dutroux's cellar last winter, well before the girls died of starvation in March.

The officers believed his explanation that the children they heard were his own three offspring. At about the same time, another team of police had Dutroux under surveillance, but the investigating judge in the case of Julie Lejeune and Mélissa Russo insists that its report never reached her.

The atmosphere of suspicion has thickened with the much criticised failure of Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, to make any statement on the scandal. His aides said he wants to keep politics out of the investigation and the Government is to announce new measures against paedophiles tomorrow.

But parallels are being drawn, with no apparent evidence, to murky political-criminal affairs of recent years, notably the still unsolved murder of André Cools, a senior politician, in 1991. Belgium's fractured political system, coalitions of French and Dutch-speaking parties, has suffered a string of unresolved scandals involving money and violence. Among them was the affair which last year brought down Willy Claes, the chief of Nato and a former government minister.

Stefaan De Clerck, the Justice Minister, has promised to uncover the whole of the paedophile affair and restore his country's name. He insists that Michel Bourlet, the chief prosecutor, is not subject to any pressure. Mr Bourlet has promised to prosecute every adult he can identify on the videotapes with children.

Two weeks of furious media investigation and relative candour by prosecutors have offered an outline of the operations of Dutroux, his wife Michelle, and the handful of petty criminals that he commanded. Their main protection appears to have come from Georges Zicot, 45, an inspector with the equivalent of the CID in Charleroi. According to prosecutors, he became involved in dealing in stolen vehicles and helped to obtain vans for Dutroux. He is also said to have interrogated Dutroux when he was a suspect in the death of Alexandra Scanlon, 14, last year. No charges were brought.

The consensus among those close to the investigation is that Dutroux, who was freed after serving six years of a 13-year sentence for child rape, had protection as an informer for Zicot and the local police. This may have explained their failure to prosecute him for briefly abducting three adolescents early this year in a quarrel over stolen cars. Dutroux says he killed Bernard Weinstein, one of his accomplices in that affair, for informing on him. His body was found last week.

While six of the accused are small local criminals, the link to a wider operation is suggested by the arrest of Michel Nihoul, a Brussels estate agent on the prestigious Avenue Louise. Previously convicted of fraud involving a false charity, he faces charges of participating in a paedophile network.

But Michel Marteau, deputy editor of *La Dernière Heure*, said he believed the speculation about the involvement of high-placed officials would evaporate.

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European widows exploit Sri Lanka teenagers for sex

FROM DOMINIC KENNEDY IN STOCKHOLM

WEALTHY widows from Europe are adopting teenage boys in Sri Lanka for sex by showering them with expensive gifts, according to a human rights organisation.

The women, in their fifties and sixties, are known as "godmothers" to the boys' unsuspecting families, who see them as godsend to alleviate their poverty.

The growing problem in a country where 20,000 boys are prostitutes, mainly working for homosexuals, was highlighted as the 130 nations represented here at the World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children agreed on a eight-page declaration.

"It is difficult to do anything about it when it is a boy with a wealthy woman," Lakshman Jayakody, a Sri Lankan Cabinet minister, said yesterday. "They get the boys and give them everything."

Indra Nilaweera, director of the Samurdhi Women's Organisation in Sri Lanka, said one destination favoured by European widows was Hikkaduwa, a southern beach resort where sex tourists stay with local families for about £2 a night. The women befriend boys aged between 16 and 19 hawking shells or ornaments and stay in the teenagers' homes, with their parents' trust, and ask if their sons could sleep in the same room.

"In our society it is accepted that grandparents sleep with their grandchildren and nothing happens," said Ms Nilaweera. "[The parents] are mainly illiterate and are ignorant of these happenings."

The boys are rewarded with gifts of watches, fine clothes, radios and televisions while the women are staying with the families — usually for about three months during the northern winter. On their return, the widows send monthly cheques to the boys and, eventually, an air ticket to join them in Europe — often Germany and France.

After six months in Europe, the boys return, adapting Western ways. The widows buy land in the boys' names and build pleasant homes for their Sri Lankan lovers, with a home costing as little as £8,000. They then bring their widowed friends during the holidays and the boys are expected to recruit sexual partners for them, too. "These rich women have no intention of getting married. They are sexually exploiting poor children," Ms Nilaweera said.

The congress adopted an eight-page declaration calling on nations to combat child pornography, the trafficking of children for sex and sexual tourism. Some Third World charities, however, complained that nothing was being done to tackle home-grown sexual exploitation, such as marriages involving girls as young as ten.

Many Asians and Africans said their governments were happy to sign a declaration blaming foreign tourists for child-sex problems and believed the Western delegates were using the conference to ease their consciences.

Ruby Noble, who works for Save the Children in Bangladesh, said: "The concept of child marriage is a very important form of exploitation being excluded."



Three members of a German-based group Terre des Hommes protest at the sexual exploitation of children outside the Stockholm conference centre where 1,000 delegates are attending a five-day meeting on the subject

Actor tells of his 'pervert' encounter

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

ROGER MOORE described yesterday his encounter with a child molester when he was eight years old and called for paedophiles to be given life sentences on their second offence.

The actor, who is also a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund, said he hoped British sex tourists who preyed on children in developing countries would be sent back to serve harsh prison terms in Third World jails. Mr Moore, attending the Stockholm congress, also recounted his close escape from a paedophile.

"My friend Reg and I were in the Cubs. We had a tent and went up to Wimbledon Common and some dirty old raincoated pervert came into our tent and started making a couple of remarks I didn't even understand. I went outside and he came out after a few minutes." He then made a lewd suggestion, Mr Moore said, but "Reg and I went fishing for tiddlers in the pond. When we came back our sandwiches were gone."

He said he did not tell his mother until he was 16. "Maybe I was afraid my mother wouldn't let us go camping again. What I am saying is that there is a guilt which children always have. They in some way feel responsible."

As Unicef envoy, Mr Moore said he met a nun in Brazil who introduced him to a 12-year-old girl who turned to prostitution after being raped when she was eight. "The nun said it was strange that you can get more attention about the rainforest than you can about the children."



Moore: confronted by paedophile as a boy

Lawyer refuses to defend Dutroux

BY CHARLES BREMNER

THE lawyer of Marc Dutroux, the confessed paedophile of Charleroi, has refused on moral grounds to represent him.

"I have a little girl of Julie and Melissa's age, who has been really disturbed by these events, and I do not think she could have understood that her father was defending this man," Didier de Quevy said, referring to the two girls found dead at one of Dutroux's houses. Several other lawyers have refused to take the case.

Belgian police yesterday dug deeper in the grounds of one of Dutroux's houses, but said it could take days to find whether they contained the bodies of two teenagers they suspect are buried there.

However, the police did uncover a small underground corridor under one of the floors of the house, which had been inhabited by Dutroux's late accomplice, Bernard Weinstein.

Dutroux, who has admitted allowing two eight-year-olds to starve to death, told prosecutors he had buried more victims in the grounds of the house at Jumet, near Charleroi. Heavy rain forced a halt to the digging last night.



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Chirac faces grim task as franc falls and strikes loom

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC returned to work yesterday after his summer holiday to be greeted by a sliding franc, depressed voters, a "gloomy" Cabinet and mounting threats of industrial action.

The franc lost ground again, wiping out the entire gain made since the drop in interest rates earlier this month, amid increasing doubts that France will be able to meet the criteria for European monetary union.

At the first Cabinet meeting of the autumn yesterday, M Chirac gave his ministers a stern pep talk, telling them to fight back against the general gloom. "According to commentators, the Government's return to work has been marked by depression. And this is true," the President said.

Nearly 80 per cent of voters expect a repeat of last winter's devastating strikes and despite M Chirac's optimistic declaration that "the worst is over" most political analysts say the worst is probably yet to come. Unions leaders are gearing up for battle against a background of rising unemployment and anger over planned budget cuts and civil service job losses.

Louis Viannet, head of the powerful CGT union, attacked "the forced march to monetary union" and gave a warning of impending unrest. "France is literally suffocating under the dogma of one-track thinking," he said.

M Chirac has insisted that France will not waver from the goal of a single currency. "We will stick to our European commitments, not out of pleasure, but because it is in the interests of France," he said, in the knowledge that any hint of compromise will further rattle the markets.

Even if Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, pushes his austerity budget through parliament, many economists say that in the sour economic climate this will not be enough to meet the target of cutting the deficit to 3 per cent of GDP by next year to qualify for EMU.

The Government has pledged to cut taxes from next year while making savings of at least Fr60 billion (£8 billion). Meanwhile the social security deficit is set to exceed Fr50 billion by the end of the year, despite government predictions last year that the debt would be just Fr17 billion.

Apart from its economic headaches, the Government is still embroiled in a controversy over the violent eviction of African immigrants from a Paris church, while the latest upsurge of separatist violence in Corsica is a stark indication that the summer's fragile truce has finally disintegrated.

At least 7,000 civil service jobs are likely to be lost in the latest plans to cut spending. On Tuesday, teaching unions warned of probable strikes in late September or early October in protest at the expected 2,300 job losses in the education sector, the first such cuts for 15 years.

The Force Ouvrière union, which spearheaded last year's industrial unrest alongside the CGT, has called for a protest march on September 21, noting that "all the ingredients are there for an explosion".



Two Chechens watch as a Russian military convoy of more than 200 armoured vehicles pulls out of Grozny as a ceasefire takes hold in the Chechen capital. Soldiers in another column cheered as they drove past. "We are going back to Russia," one said. In Grozny, Russians and Chechen fighters said they hoped for a lasting peace

Polish beauty murdered

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WARSAW

THE former Miss Poland, Agnieszka Kotlarska, who went on to become a Versace model, was stabbed to death as she was getting into her car outside her home in Wroclaw in southwest Poland.

Ms Kotlarska, 24, had narrowly missed death on July 17 when she cancelled her booking for TWA Flight 800 that exploded in mid-air off Long Island, New York. Ms Kotlarska was stabbed three times in the chest by a man who "claimed he had known (her) for some time and wanted to talk to her", said Stanislaw Stygar, a police spokesman. He could not confirm media reports that the man claimed to have been Ms Kotlarska's former fiancé.

Police later arrested the attacker, whom they identified only as Jerzy L.



Kotlarska: narrowly escaped death in jet

$20m more EU aid for 'boat people'

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union yesterday opened a $20 million (£13 million) programme aimed at helping the 25,000 "boat people" waiting in camps in Hong Kong and across Asia to return to Vietnam by the end of next year.

At a ceremony in Hanoi, European Commission officials started a Returnee Assistance Programme, run in conjunction with the United Nations, to help to ease the difficulties faced by former refugees from Communist Vietnam returning to normal lives in their homeland.

"Our financial assistance will be focused on health, vocational training and social support, and the programme will help not only returnees but also the general community in Vietnam," Pollard Blakeley, the programme director, said.

The EU has already provided $75 million (£48 million) towards the international effort to resettle 130,000 people from camps in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. The biggest remaining group — 14,000 people — is in Hong Kong, where the deadline for next July's handover to China has made the repatriation task more urgent.

Refugees still in other countries are due to return by the end of next year.

This month the 50,000th Vietnamese to return voluntarily from Hong Kong since 1989 landed at Hanoi airport, marking a milestone in one of the longest and most complicated repatriations organised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Volunteers are given some $400 (£260) to help them to start a new life at home, but the money buys relatively little in Vietnam's new market economy. Those refugees refusing to leave Hong Kong voluntarily are being told that they will be sent back forcibly before the 1997 handover.

Granada's Moorish quarter left to rot

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

THE Spanish city of Granada has received a severe warning from Unesco for allowing the world-renowned Moorish quarter of Albaicín to grow "unacceptably dilapidated".

Expressing his dismay on a recent visit to the Andalusian city, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, the secretary-general of Unesco, threatened to revoke Albaicín's status as a Unesco World Heritage Site if "urgent measures" were not taken to check the district's deterioration.

Albaicín, from the Arabic *rabad al hayuzin* or "Falconers' Quarter", was made a World Heritage Site in 1994.

The quarter is treasured by historians, town planners and Arabists as the largest extant Moorish "urbanisation" in Spain. Built in the 11th century, its narrow streets and cramped houses can still bring the city's Arab past to life.

Yet the past, literally, has begun to crumble. Now in need of much more than just a lick of paint, unrepaired buildings scar the quarter, as do dumps of festering refuse and satellite dishes.

The regional Government and the Granada town council are now blaming each other for Albaicín's sorry state. Conservationists, however, blame both the regional Government and the town council for "shirking their responsibility completely". They point to the fact that virtually no effort has been made to use the new World Heritage Site status as "a flag to wave before potential benefactors".

Paris society's hair salon returns to its roots



Dali: had moustache shaped at Paris salon

BY BEN MACINTYRE

THE most celebrated hairdressing salon in Paris will reopen next week after a nine-month closure that has left many of France's most fashionable people tearing their hair out.

Since Carita, on the Rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré, opened 50 years ago, on a site once occupied by Louis XVI's wig-maker, just about everyone who was anyone in French society has come here for *la coupe*, *le shampooing* or *le brushing*. But last December the owners announced the salon was closing and would be "restyled".

Carita reached a peak, or quiff, of fame in the 1960s when the likes of Brigitte Bardot, Ursula Andress, Jeanne Moreau and Catherine Deneuve put their beehives in the hands of its experts.

The clientèle was not limited to famous Frenchwomen: Salvador Dalí came on a regular basis to have his moustache repointed, and in 1958 Marlon Brando popped in for a dye job to play the part of a German officer in *The Young Lions*.

But the salon became a victim of its own success. Staff were paid a percentage of the profits but many became so well-known that they could quadruple their salaries by freelancing outside working hours. "Their earnings reached such a level that we were losing money every time a client walked through the doors," France Kessler, a spokesman for the salon, said.

Last year the new owners, the Japanese cosmetic company Shiseido, dismissed the entire staff of 85, and the salon was closed for a financial short-back-and-sides.

Carita began to lose its sheen after the deaths of its founders, Maria and Rosy Carita, in the early 1980s. "The coiffeurs considered themselves divas of the curling tongs, greater stars than their clients," *Le Figaro* reported.

Carita's owners have elected to give the place a more youthful appeal, with lower prices, areas for body and face care, and a boutique.



Saddam son loses control of elite force in family rift

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

INTERNAL family frictions, including the demotion of President Saddam Hussein's favourite son and fears of an intrusive new United Nations mission to Iraq, are causing fresh tensions in Baghdad.

The hijacking of a Sudanese airliner to Britain on Tuesday by seven Iraqis has highlighted the level of dissent Saddam has been trying to crush before the expected arrival next month of hundreds of United Nations staff to implement an oil-for-food deal.

The Iraqi leader was concerned that the intrusive UN teams will publicise the disaffection in Iraq, giving Washington another lever to put pressure on his regime, Western diplomats said.

Evidence of further convulsions within Saddam's inner circle comes from reports that he has robbed his eldest son and one-time heir-apparent, Uday, of control of an elite paramilitary unit, the Saddam Fedayin. Its leadership was handed to Saddam's more sober younger son, Qusay, who at the age of 30 is in charge of virtually every security force in Iraq.

Saddam may simply have believed Uday, a heavy drinker with an uncontrollable temper, was too unreliable to remain in charge of the 30,000-strong force. "But there is also the suspicion Saddam no longer trusted the Fedayin in Uday's hands," said a Western diplomat in Amman. "Was he afraid Uday would one day turn against him?"

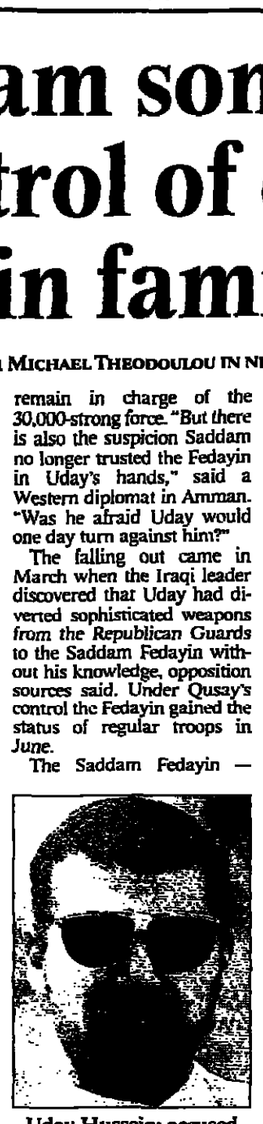
The falling out came in March when the Iraqi leader discovered that Uday had diverted sophisticated weapons from the Republican Guards to the Saddam Fedayin without his knowledge, opposition sources said. Under Qusay's control the Fedayin gained the status of regular troops in June.

The Saddam Fedayin — meaning those willing to sacrifice their lives for the Iraqi leader — was formed two years ago as a "toy army" for Uday, 32, whose father was unwilling to allow him near the real armed forces. It quickly developed into a well-trained force that served as an elite bodyguard for Saddam.

Many of the early recruits were youths from state-run orphanages who owed no loyalty to restive tribes or clans and could easily be moulded into an integral military force owing allegiance only to Saddam. The regime then turned to schools and colleges, assuring those who joined the force top grades in academic examinations.

Finally, it inducted retired army officers in an apparent attempt to neutralise potential resentment against the regime and prevent them joining dissident groups.

Iraq last night complained at the number of UN staff needed to monitor the distribution of food and humanitarian supplies to be funded by the sale of $2 billion (£1.3 billion) worth of oil under the terms of a deal struck in May. The UN has estimated it needs 1,190 people to ensure the supplies go to the people and not the regime.



Uday Hussein: accused of diverting weapons



ABOUT 300 demonstrators march through Hong Kong's business centre yesterday on their way to the Japanese consulate to demand an apology and compensation on behalf of the victims of the

Protest march

Second World War. Yukihiko Ikeda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who had arrived in the colony for a two-day official visit, had to be smuggled into the main government building. The protesters had earlier burnt and trampled on effigies of Japanese wartime leaders outside the consulate.

Arafat calls for general strike in Jerusalem 'battle'

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

YASSIR ARAFAT, the Palestinian leader, called on followers yesterday to rise up against Israel in a campaign of civil disobedience, saying that the Jewish state had declared war on his people.

He said the campaign would begin today with the first general strike in two years and intensify tomorrow with an order for all Palestinians to defy the Israeli military closure of the territories and enter Jerusalem in their thousands to pray at the city's holiest Muslim shrine.

His call comes after the demolition of a Palestinian community centre in Jerusalem's Muslim quarter on Tuesday and the announcement that the Israeli Government had approved the expansion of a Jewish settlement on the West Bank.

"What happened concerning violations and crimes from this new Israeli leadership means they are declaring a state of war against the Palestinian people," he told a meeting of the Palestinian Legislative Council in Ramallah on the West Bank.

In his strongest attack yet against the Government of Binyamin Netanyahu, Mr Arafat said: "Israel has started the war on Jerusalem. They are idiots to have started the Jerusalem battle. There will be no Palestinian state without Jerusalem. Netanyahu should know he is stupid to have started this battle." Jerusalem is sacred to both Arabs and Jews, but the Prime Minister has said Israel will never relinquish sovereignty.

The Arab League backed Mr Arafat's actions, but Mr Netanyahu gave warning of "a sharp" response if Palestinians carry out their threat to break the law. In a statement he said Israel would regard with severity any Palestinian attempt to escalate tensions and violence.

Mr Arafat called for a general strike "for Jerusalem" today in all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to more than two million Palestinians. He originally proposed a 24-hour strike, but reduced this to four hours after appeals from his Palestinian colleagues.

Up to 25,000 Palestinian labourers, many of them employed on construction sites in Israel, are expected to answer the call to down tools. It will be the first time there has been such a work stoppage since May 1994. The action is likely to harm Palestinians, who depend on Israel for their livelihood, more than Jews.

☐ **Ankara:** Turkey and Israel signed another defence deal yesterday, stepping up co-operation in the military field despite objections by some Arab nations. The deal covers the exchange of technical expertise. *(AP)*

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Father of football star killed for his car

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

THE father of a South African football star has been murdered by four men who stole his car, given to him by his son. The high-profile crime has left many people in the country shocked and angry.

President Mandela said yesterday that he was saddened by the killing of Eliakim "Pro" Khumalo, who was shot outside his Soweto home. Khumalo's son, Doctor, is the popular striker who helped the South African football team to win the African Nations' Cup last year.

News of the murder led a typically gloomy radio bulletin of murders and other violent crimes. The crime wave has led to 3,000 South Africans leaving the country officially in the first three months of this year and many more unofficially. There is a seven-month waiting list for removal companies.

Statistics show violent crime falling marginally, but many offences are unreported. Observers say that only when crime drops significantly will its insidious effects on the country and economy lessen.

An ambitious plan to tackle crime has been announced by George Fivaz, the Police Commissioner, but his officers are resigning in droves and he is being held back by budgetary constraints.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran seeks handover of exile

Bonn: Iran has asked Germany to extradite Abolhasan Banisadr, its former President, for hijacking. The charge refers to the military aircraft he commandeered when he fled in fear of his life in July 1981.

Mr Banisadr angered Tehran last week by accusing top political leaders, in court evidence, of ordering the Berlin assassination of Iranian Kurdish leaders in 1992.

France, where he now lives, has in the past refused to extradite him. *(Reuter)*

Seoul round-up

Seoul: Thousands of riot police raided 23 universities, arresting 347 pro-Communist activists. Recent student demands for Korean unification led to nine days of violence at Yonsei University, Seoul. *(AP)*

Bikini clean-up

Majuro: Bulldozers will begin removing topsoil on Bikini atoll in November in an attempt to make it inhabitable more than 50 years after America began using it for atomic weapons tests. *(AFP)*

Stalin's guests

Moscow: Rich Russians, including pop stars and government officials, are queuing up to stay in Stalin's 11-suite Black Sea holiday mansion, now privately owned, at up to £180 a day per room. *(AP)*

Peking drive to halt 'inferior' breeding

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA is again launching a eugenics programme designed to improve the quality of the population by selective breeding. According to official sources, the State Council's plan will encourage well-off educated couples in eastern cities to have "better" children and limit the "inferior stock" of the poor and minority peoples.

Such schemes periodically surface and are regularly denounced internationally for their similarities to Nazi policies aimed at achieving a master race. Since the "one child per family" policy began in 1980, the educated urban classes have embraced it eagerly: it is unusual in Peking or Shanghai to see a family with more than one child. In the rural hinterland, families average more than two children, and in areas inhabited by ethnic minorities three children per family are common.

These rural and minority birth rates are said to be increasing, slowing the pace towards the goal of bringing China's population — almost 1.3 billion — to well below one billion. Many Chinese believe poor and minority people are of inferior stock and the fear is that the breeding of so-called lesser groups will dilute population quality overall.

In 1993, a law entitled Eugenics and Health Protection was promulgated, intended "to put a stop to the prevalence of abnormal births and heighten the standards of the whole population". People with hepatitis, venereal diseases or mental illness would be prohibited from marriage under the regulations. Euthanasia was not mentioned, an official announcement added, "because the international community has not come to a conclusion on that issue".

Foreign experts voiced alarm at the concepts of "mental disease", "abnormal" and "defective". Last year fresh regulations were promulgated requiring pregnant women to submit to pre-natal checks to avoid "abnormal" and "inferior" foetuses.

But it is estimated that more than 97 per cent of all abortions after ultra-scans are of female foetuses. Although illegal, this use of ultra-scan is cheaply available to couples in a culture where male gender preference is overwhelming.

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First Lady adopts soft-focus image to blot out shade of Lady Macbeth



The speech by the First Lady at the Democratic convention lacked warmth and flavour and appeared to have been crafted to cause the least offence, writes Anthony Howard in Chicago

WHAT stood out, first of all, was the poise. For someone who had never addressed a convention before, Hillary Clinton proved to be a very cool customer. But perhaps that is the rub. For all the references to "Bill" and "my husband", there was little warmth to the performance. There was not much genuine flavour either: it was somehow ersatz, like canned music or processed cheese.

The themes, though, could not have been safer: health, home and children. There was even a reference to the time their daughter Chelsea had been in hospital having her tonsils out — and "that night Bill and I didn't sleep at all". There could hardly have been a more transparent appeal for the parental sympathy vote.

Mrs Clinton had been introduced — by Tipper Gore, the Vice-President's wife, no less — as "possessing the gift of a great mind and the blessing of a compassionate heart". But there was not, to be blunt, much evidence of either. Instead there was the kind of speech, or homily, that appeared to have been crafted with the aim of causing the least possible offence.

Mrs Clinton's beige, soft-furnishing performance was in sharp contrast to the sort of speech that the First Lady's heroine, Eleanor Roosevelt, would have seen it as her duty to deliver. I was at Los Angeles in 1960 to hear the last speech Mrs Roosevelt gave to a Democratic convention, 25 years after leaving the White House.

The clamour at that time, as it has been here all week, was for unity, but the former First Lady was having none of that. For her a moral principle was at stake — and, gauche and humbling, she advanced to the microphone to remind the party of the debt of loyalty it still owed to Adlai Stevenson. She was seconding his nomination that had been proposed in one of the best convention speeches ever by Senator Eugene McCarthy. It was all to no avail: the next night the Kennedy juggernaut carried all before it.

Maybe there was just a flicker of that sort of defiance, not so much in what Mrs Clinton said as in what she chose not to say. There was no hint of apology to her husband — or, indeed, to the American people — for the biggest legislative fiasco of the current Administration: the failure to get its healthcare reform Bill reported out of committee even in a Democratic Congress.

It was an enterprise of which she had been put virtually in sole charge and, as an undoubtedly proud woman, she will bear the scars of that humiliation all her life. When last year she visited Canada and Ukraine and was congratulated on the comprehensiveness of her absurdly complex 1,300-page Bill, she imprudently told her friends of her sense of wry vindication.

There was no reference to this experience in her convention speech. The new Hillary knows better than that. She possesses, after all, one of the highest "antipathy quotients" in modern American politics — a reminder that in Peoria and elsewhere not everyone has yet adjusted to the feminist revolution.

Because of her previously high exposure, the anxiety all along has been that she will prove a liability to the Democratic ticket. That is almost certainly nonsense. The American electorate does not vote for First Ladies. But they can certainly either reassure or repel: Barbara Bush did the first and, for the past two years at least, it has looked as if Mrs Clinton, on balance, does the second.

Although here she is simply treading in the footsteps of her immediate Democratic predecessor, Rosalynn Carter — "the steel magnolia" of her husband's ill-fated Administration — she cannot really claim the role of a hapless victim of sexual prejudice.

It was her decision, after all, to make a mysterious killing by trading in commodities while her husband was Governor of Arkansas; her initiative to clear out the staff of the White House travel office and substitute her friends; her Little Rock law firm's involvement in property development that led to the legal quagmire of Whitewater.

Her performance at the podium on the night before her husband's renomination is probably best seen as her effort to blot all that out. This required that she made a speech of pastel shades rather than of primary colours — and to that degree at least, probably at some cost to her own pride, she brought it off. She may not quite have become Caesar's wife, but she certainly did her best to shake off the legend of being Lady Macbeth.

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Mrs Clinton fishes for family vote

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CHICAGO

PRESIDENT Clinton was last night arriving in Chicago for his coronation at a Democratic convention newly galvanised by the First Lady and united as rarely before after conciliatory speeches from two top members of the party's vanquished liberal wing.

Hillary Clinton received a four-minute standing ovation when she appeared at the podium on Tuesday evening, and she delighted delegates with an unusually personal speech in which she argued that the Democrats, not the Republicans, were the real party of the family.

At the Republicans' convention in San Diego, Bob Dole, the party's presidential nominee, had mocked her recent book on child-rearing, *It Takes a Village*, claiming she wanted state collectives to take over the role of parents.

Mrs Clinton responded forcefully and directly, arguing that in raising her own daughter she had learnt that "it takes a family, it takes teachers, it takes clergy, it takes business people, it takes community leaders, it takes those who protect our health and safety, it takes all of us". To deafening cheers she added: "Yes, it takes a village."

Of course, parents were primarily responsible for their children, she said, "but we are all responsible for ensuring that children are raised in a nation that doesn't just talk about 'family values' but acts in ways that value families". For a decade the Republicans have won majority support among families with children by promising tax cuts and less social permissiveness. Mrs Clinton's speech was part of a year-long White House attempt to woo those crucial voters with a pro-family agenda emphasising community and responsibility.

Mr Clinton has deplored Hollywood violence, called for a return to school uniforms and lobbied for more educational programming. In the past week alone, as he has travelled by train towards Chicago, he has ordered a teenage smoking crackdown, a national child literacy crusade, additional gun controls and, yesterday, an accelerated clean-up of toxic waste sites.

Mrs Clinton listed numerous other ways in which her husband had acted, or intended to act, legislatively to help the family, but failed to mention that he had last week signed a radical Republican welfare reform Bill that could, by the Administration's own estimates, push a million children into poverty.

That signing dismayed liberal Democrats and risked major dissension here, but he has got away with it. Jesse Jackson, the civil rights leader, and Mario Cuomo, the former New York Governor, both told the convention they thought the President was wrong, but noted his pledge to improve the Bill if re-elected, praised his wider record, and endorsed him anyway.

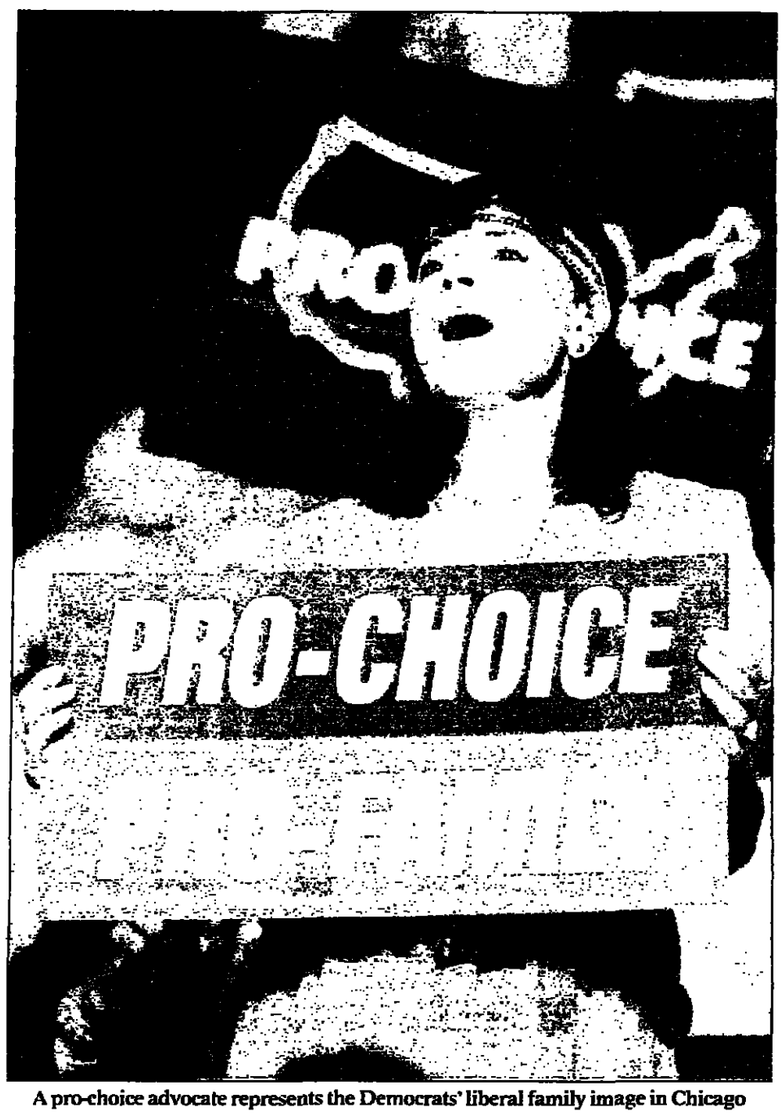
Mr Clinton will formally accept his party's presidential nomination tonight.

☐ Bob Dole has moved to strengthen his campaign by appointing Donald Rumsfield, a former Defence Secretary, as his campaign chairman, and William Bennett, a former education chairman, as a vice-chairman. Both were campaign advisers.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION '96

Hillary 'kept' suicide note

A newly disclosed memorandum suggests that Hillary Clinton was responsible for a 30-hour delay in giving investigators the "suicide note" written by Vincent Foster (James Bone writes). The memo quotes Thomas McLarty, then White House Chief of Staff, as saying that Mrs Clinton called for the delay.



A pro-choice advocate represents the Democrats' liberal family image in Chicago

Chelsea emerges as asset in campaign for White House

FROM TOM RHODES ON BOARD THE 21ST CENTURY EXPRESS

INSIDE the presidential carriage, she would giggle about the handsome Secret Service agents, play cards with her father and even make wry remarks about his political progress across the industrial Midwest of America.

And at regular stops along the route of the 21st Century Express, Chelsea Clinton would appear at the President's side, a gangly but poised symbol of his commitment to the family and the future of the United States.

Finally, she left to attend her mother's speech to the convention while Mr Clinton continued yesterday to steam across Michigan and Indiana and into the Democratic belly of Chicago last night.

Even after her departure, however, the spiritual presence of the 16-year-old first daughter remained almost tangible. Introducing a new programme to counter illiteracy at Wyandotte, Michigan, Mr Clinton applauded two children who read to him extracts from *The Little Engine That Could*.

"That book, of all the hundreds and hundreds of books that Hillary and I read to Chelsea when she was a little girl, is probably one of our favourites," said Mr Clinton.

It was the same wherever the train could stop. Mr Clinton argued tougher anti-crime measures to defend the younger generation, a stronger economy for the future and educational opportunities for every American child. Chelsea's name, of course, was never far from his lips.

In the four years since the last election, she has moved from the quiet, ballet dancing child whose private life should be protected at all costs to a quasi-campaign poster girl and perhaps the most exploited political asset in the Clinton armoury. Hard-working, polite, and a health zealot who spies on smokers in the White House, Chelsea is also a face of innocence able to deflect public attention from the various character flaws that have plagued her parents.

And her presence is clearly designed to emphasise the Clinton success as a family compared to that of Senator Bob Dole, whose daughter by his first marriage, Robin, appears a lonely and often frustrated figure.

The White House is aware of the advantages Chelsea brings to this campaign but has denied she has any role as a political understudy. Often eager to offer her opinion on the success of the five-state trip and on elements of his planned speech tonight, a senior aide said Chelsea was no Amy Carter, lecturing her father on nuclear disarmament, but she was her own woman: "Chelsea wanted to be there at this important time in her parents' lives, for her mother's speech and her father's nomination address."

Media overkill as viewers switch over

CHICAGO NOTEBOOK

The whole world is watching, anti-war protesters chanted as police clubbed them during the Democrats' 1968 convention in Chicago.

By 1992 only 21 million Americans tuned in to the Democrats' New York convention, and on the opening night of this year's jamboree that figure fell below 17 million.

One commentator damningly noted that more people watch Ross Perot's half-hour television commercials featuring the diminutive Texas billionaire lecturing on the federal deficit with the aid of countless charts and graphs.

Over the years the networks have also reduced their coverage to a mere 60 minutes nightly, but media attendance at these conventions continues inexorably to rise. There are roughly 15,000 newshounds in Chicago, nearly four for every delegate. *The Washington Post* has a team of 45.

The New York Times evidently has someone whose task is to scrutinise the almost instantaneous transcript of each speaker's words that appears on the giant screen behind them.

Its list of howlers yesterday included "Jack Buddhist thugs" for "jackbooted thugs", "Marry Oh Quem Oe" instead of Mario Cuomo, and "ideal logs" instead of "ideologues".

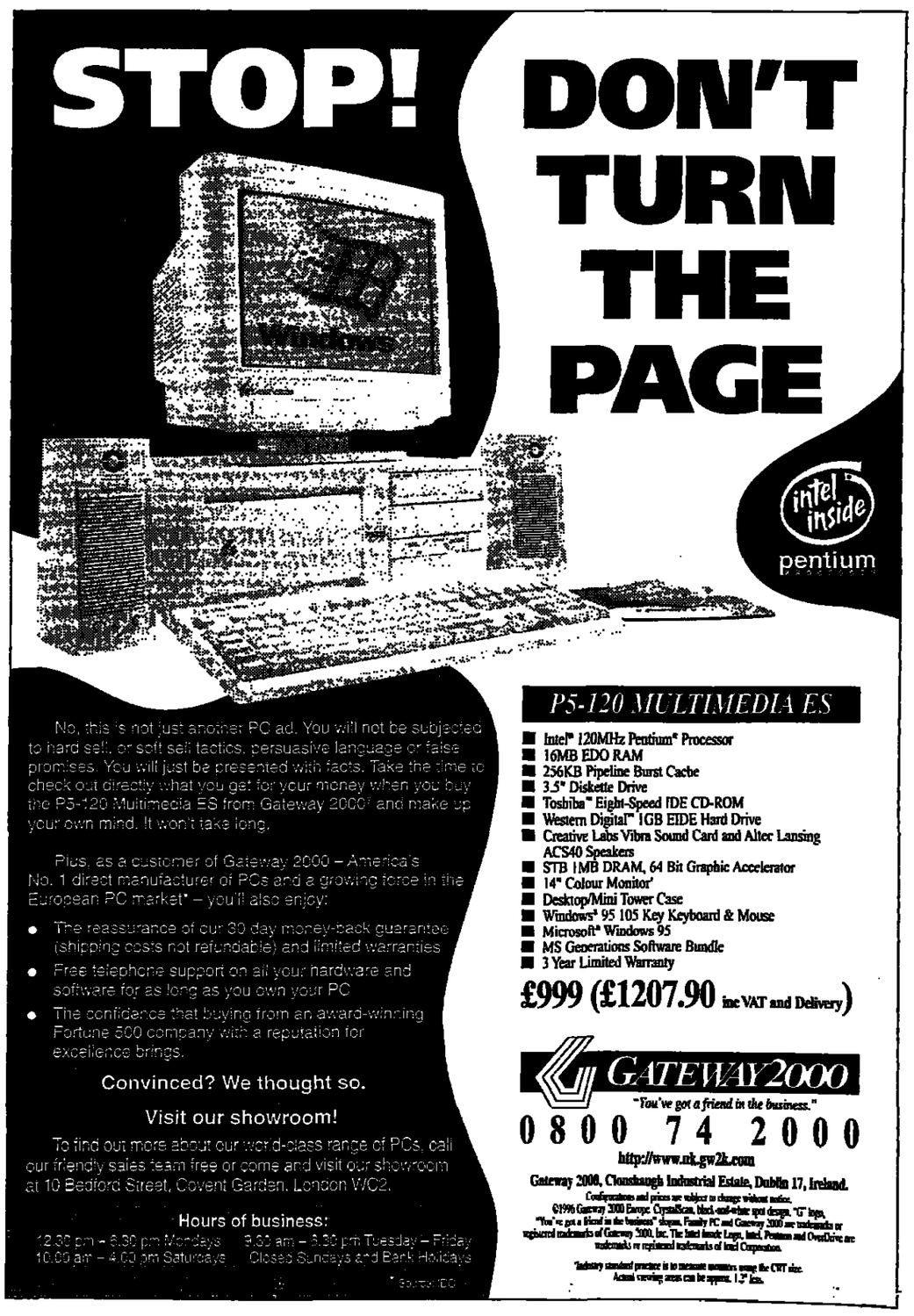
Despite the massive media presence just two news organisations have managed to obtain interviews with Hillary Clinton. One was CNN. The other was Children's Express, a news service run for kids by kids. It may have helped, of course, that one of their reporters was the ten-year-old daughter of Harold Ickes, the deputy White House chief of staff.

For insights on Hillary, local radio stations have turned to Roger Clinton, the President's younger brother. His startling prediction is that she will one day seek the Oval Office herself. The President will be "campaigning for Hillary after his term is over. Bill and Hillary have a lot more to give to the country than just the next four years," said the First Brother. "Wait, it will happen."

This will come as rather a shock for Vice-President Al Gore, who is being almost universally hailed by the conventioneers as Mr Clinton's heir-apparent.

Spontaneity is a dirty word in Chicago this week. Ad-libbing from the podium is a capital offence. The party politburo mass-produces banners to wave. Vendors can only sell officially sanctioned badges and stickers, far too tame to bother with. Even street demonstrations must be licensed. Thank goodness, then, for Tipper Gore, the Vice-President's spirited blonde wife. This week she was jogging by Lake Michigan when, without warning and to the horror of Secret Service agents, she plunged in. "Tipper the Dripper" they call her.

MARTIN FLETCHER



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Titanic 'struggle' resumes

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

SALVAGE vessels resumed their effort to raise a section of the *Titanic* from the ocean floor yesterday after aborting the mission on Tuesday when specially designed balloons failed to float it to the surface.

The lifting of the 13-tonne chunk of wreckage from the doomed liner, struck by an iceberg on its maiden voyage on April 15, 1912 — with the loss of 1,522 lives — is the centrepiece of a much-criticised tourist cruise to the site of the shipwreck.

Although three *Titanic* survivors are aboard, including 99-year-old Edith Haisman, from Britain, others have called the expedition an act of "grave-robbing".

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Firemen near Castaic, California, make their way through canyons to cut breaks to halt the wildfires

Gift from Libya to be banned

BY JAMES BONE

THE United States Government is expected to block a donation of $1 billion (£645 million) from Libya to the American black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan.

A US official was quoted yesterday as saying that the Treasury Department would almost certainly reject an application by Mr Farrakhan to receive the gift, despite the threat of legal action by his Nation of Islam.

"We will fight for what we believe is our legal right, and I will go across the nation stirring up not only my own people, but all those who would benefit from it," Mr Farrakhan said. "We are not terrorists."

Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, promised the gift to Mr Farrakhan during his trip to Tripoli in January. He plans to return to Libya this week to receive a $250,000 prize.

Mike McCurry, the White House press secretary, said: "We would expect American citizens to honour their obligations under US law, which prohibits economic transactions involving Libya which

Drugs that can kill or cure



Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on strong medicine for arthritis sufferers; diagnosing fractured skulls; the advantages of formula milk; alternative medicine, plus why oak trees can make you sneeze



WAYNE MILLER/MAGNUM

Older patients are most at risk of severe complications from non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

Last week a woman in her 70s woke to find her pillow soaked in blood and immediately realised that she had bled from her mouth. Unfortunately, she started to vomit large quantities of blood and died before she could be successfully transfused and treated. The haematemesis, bleeding from the upper gastro-intestinal tract, was probably in part the result of taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). These anti-inflammatory drugs are used to treat the inflammation and pain in arthritic and allied conditions.

The NSAIDs are an invaluable tool in medicine and have revolutionised the lifestyles of patients who would otherwise be crippled, and rendered sleepless, by pain and stiffness. Unfortunately, the NSAIDs have a wide variety of side-effects. In occasional cases this group of drugs causes hypersensitivity reactions, wheezing, swelling of the lips and mouth, urticaria and other rashes. Sometimes the NSAIDs cause fluid retention which may even, in some elderly patients, induce heart strain. Other patients complain of ringing ears, dizziness and headaches and even more rarely liver, kidney and bone damage has been reported. Although this is an impressive list of possible troubles most of the hundreds of thousands of patients who take the drugs are not troubled by them; conversely far too many do suffer the side-effects associated with inflammation of the gastro-intestinal tract, the stomach and guts. Many patients complain of abdominal pain and nausea, symptoms which can be eased if patients take the drugs with food or milk.

> Some patients complain of ringing ears and headaches

Unfortunately, a severe, sometimes even fatal, reaction is a not uncommon sequel to the use of these anti-inflammatory drugs. When it is known that there is a history of recent stomach or duodenal ulceration NSAIDs are not prescribed, and most doctors are also chary about giving them to patients who have had ulcers in the past. The dreaded complications of NSAID therapy are sudden perforation of an ulcer or a massive bleed. These complications are most likely to affect older patients, particularly those with a history of indigestion, or those who smoke, drink heavily or are also taking steroids.

Extrapolation from a survey of 1 per cent of the country's population shows that each year there are 12,000 cases of perforation of an ulcer, or a serious bleed, in patients taking anti-inflammatory drugs. In 10 per cent of those who suffered a serious complication it proved fatal, and in 70 per cent of the fatalities the death was so sudden that it took place at home, or on the way to hospital. The number of patients who experience one of these very severe reactions is possibly only the tip of the iceberg; far more may have inflammation without ulceration. A study of 9,000 Americans showed that more than 20 per cent of those taking these drugs lose enough blood to make them liable to become anaemic.

Doctors are not complacent about NSAIDs. The research continues in the search for a safer drug and perhaps the greatest advance to date has been introduction of misoprostol Cytotec, which when combined with an NSAID diclofenac and marketed as Arthrotec has dramatically cut the incidents of serious side-effects. This month a stronger Arthrotec mixture with 75mg of diclofenac, the tablet which need only be taken twice rather than three times a day, has been introduced.

A large study in 51 centres in ten countries has shown that the larger 75mg dose of diclofenac, when combined with the same amount of misoprostol, causes no more side-effects than the 50mg tablet, but can in some cases be more effective at relieving inflammation. Arthrotec is not the complete answer but endoscopic examination shows that when it is taken, rather than a simple NSAID, the number of people who suffer gastro-intestinal side-effects falls from 19.4 to 6.7 per cent, and the combination halves both the numbers suffering serious complications and anaemia. All anti-arthritic tablets should be taken with or after food and they should be swallowed with fluids, while the patient is standing up so that they do not stick in the gullet. Afterwards, the patient should not sit or lie down for 30 minutes.

People should never delude themselves that they have cast-iron guts impervious to the strongest tablet because recent research has shown that serious complications of NSAID can appear without warning. Doses prescribed should always be as small as is effective, and certainly when my back is playing up I take Arthrotec.

X-rays may fail to spot damage

Skull fractures that lie hidden

As a casualty officer one of my great fears was failing to diagnose a fractured skull. Patients who had fallen off motorbikes or cycles, been thrown from horses or fallen from windows were subjected to meticulous examination, and when possible questioning, and their X-rays were studied minutely.

A fracture of the vault of the skull is usually easy to diagnose on X-ray, but those running across the base of the skull may initially not be spotted on an X-ray and may only be diagnosed in the first instance because of the signs. The base of the skull is the shelf on which the brains rest and although a fracture there is easy to overlook it is much more dangerous than a simple vault fracture.

When I remember my own experiences, the casualty officer in a small hospital in Italy who failed to diagnose a fractured skull in Charlotte, a four-year-old friend, therefore had some, but not much, of my sympathy. The doctor failed to notice a fractured vault which perhaps would not have mattered, but also apparently did not understand the significance of bleeding from the ear, a rapidly blackening eye, and the patient's semi-comatose state. Fortunately the doctor, and the patient, were rescued by a good second opinion and Charlotte was helicoptered to a very efficient neurosurgical unit.

The accident happened when Charlotte's brother, Thomas, fell from a balcony after a balustrade gave way. He was not seriously hurt. Charlotte, who had an inquiring mind, peered over the edge to see what had happened, went too close to the brink and followed her brother over it.

The base of the skull is divided into three portions, the anterior, middle and posterior cranial fossae. Fracture of the anterior cranial fossa may result in the cerebro spinal fluid (CSF), the fluid from around the brain, leaking down the nose. This can lead to an ascending infection of meningitis or can cause bleeding into the orbit — a black eye.

Bleeding into the orbit from a fracture can be distinguished from an ordinary black eye as its colour has a purple hue, whereas a blow to the eye causes the bruise to have a reddish colour. The bruise around the eye after a fracture is semicircular, very neatly following the lower edge of the orbit, unlike the ragged appearance of a black eye. If both eyes are blackened simultaneously from a single injury it is obvious that a fracture is the cause.

Fracture of the middle cranial fossa is characterised by bleeding from the ear. The diagnostic clue in these fractures is to study the way the blood flows. Unless there has been a massive haemorrhage after a fracture, the blood is mixed with CSF, and does not clot. When the bleeding is from a local injury in the ear clotting occurs quickly.

Keep the chinstraps on

Charlotte's signs therefore suggested that she had a fracture running across both the anterior and middle cranial fossa. She is now out of hospital apparently none the worse; there is no evidence of lasting brain damage, no loss of hearing, nor damage to the nerve supply of the muscles of the eye.

Only time will show whether her sense of smell has been affected, which is a very common sequel to fractures of the anterior cranial fossa.

A warning about weaning

MOST babies are weaned from the bottle or breast to cows' milk, but some mothers continue to give their children a made-up formula milk, which includes added iron. Simple cows' milk is deficient in iron.

Research published in the *Archives of Diseases in Childhood* has shown that the "follow on" made-up formula milks for babies may have an advantage over cows' milk. The research, which was carried out in the Birmingham Children's Hospital, studied 100 inner-city children aged between six months and two years.

Only 3 per cent of those on the formula milk were anaemic at a year, only 2 per cent at 18 months, and none was anaemic by the age of two. Conversely, at a year, 31 per cent of the babies who drank cows' milk were anaemic, at 18 months this had increased to 33 per cent, and 26 per cent were still anaemic at the age of two. Anaemia causes breathlessness and lowers resistance to infection.

Dr Jake Mackinnon, a consultant paediatrician with a large practice in West London, said: "Doorstep milk is deficient in iron but it may well be significant that these children came from a poor inner-city area.

"Certainly by the age of two, most children are taking a wide variety of other iron-containing foods and the iron content of milk would be less important."

How alternative medicine works

THE Duchess of York and Diana, Princess of Wales, are renowned for their advocacy of alternative medicine. One of the Duchess's medical advisers is Richard Helfrich, who practises in Beverly Hills. Mr Helfrich has written a book, *Take Control of Your Health*, explaining alternative procedures and the rationale which determines their prescription.



Diana: valid treatment?

There are differences between what doctors regard as complementary medicine and alternative medicine. Any form of alternative medicine may be helpful if it fulfils a need in the patient, but much of it is hard for doctors to accept if standard medical teaching has any validity. Doctors who have, for instance, been referring suitable patients for osteopathy, an accepted complementary discipline, may have wondered just what happens to their patients when they have colonic irrigation sessions.

Mr Helfrich's book provides the answer to the many questions asked by patients who are enamoured by alternative procedures and also provides the essential clues to what gossip columnists are writing about when they describe the medical activities of those who, like the Duchess of York and the Princess, believe in it.

Mr Helfrich's opinions are interesting but his views would not find favour, even acceptance, with traditional examiners in medicine.

● Take Control of Your Health, *Richard Helfrich, Duckworths £9.95.*

When oak gets up your nose

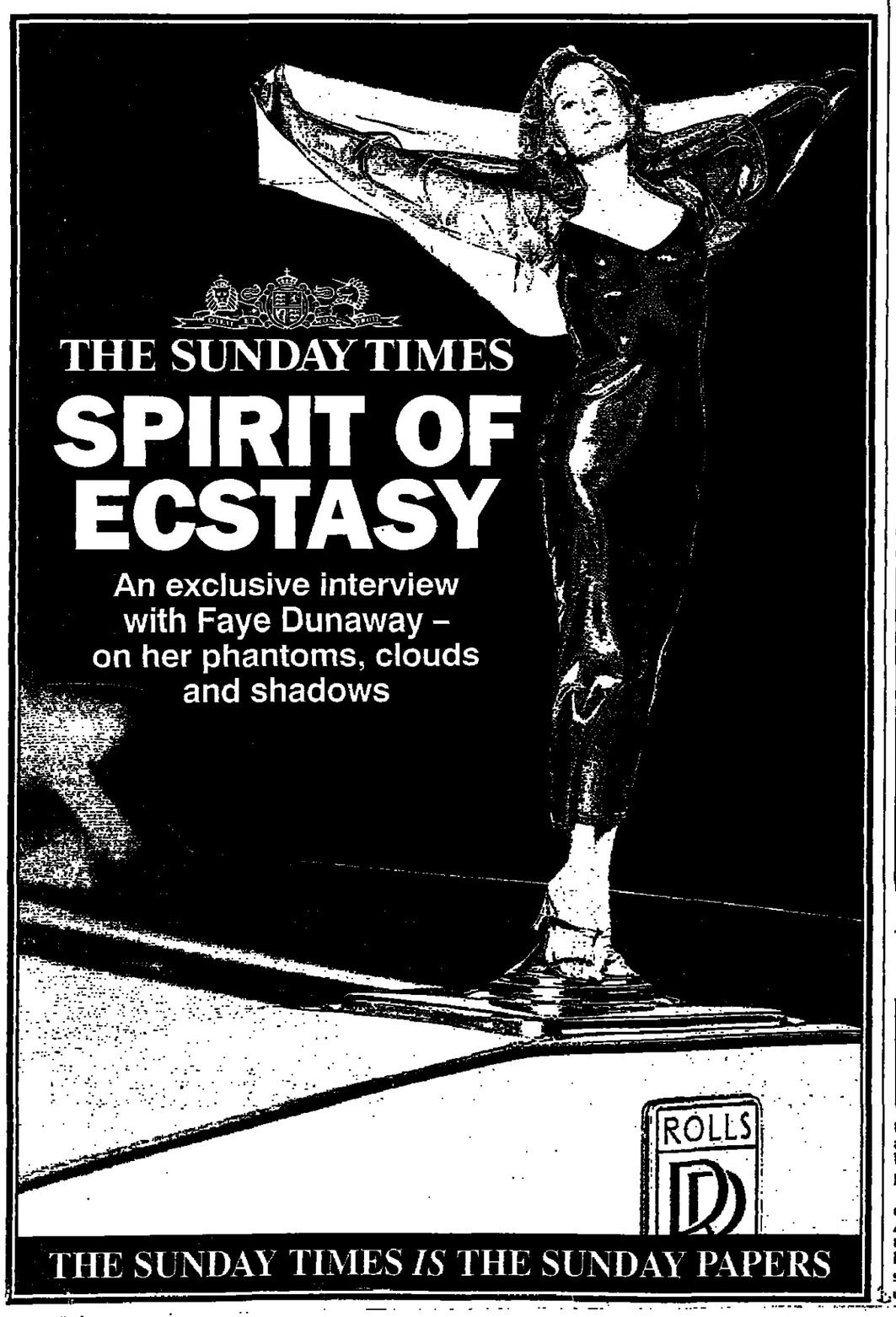


DR ANDREW ROSS, another Birmingham doctor, has also been busy over the last seven years studying the cause of hay fever when it attacks patients in springtime, before there is much grass pollen in the atmosphere.

The usually accepted medical opinion is that hay fever in April is more often than not the result of an allergy to birch pollen, or possibly to small quantities of some very early flowering grass.

The oak is such a prestige symbol that it seems almost unpatriotic to attack it. However, Dr Ross has reported in the *British Journal of General Practice* that he believes that the oak, and not birch, is responsible for springtime hay fever.

Dr Ross has shown that the peak incidence of early-season allergic rhinitis occurs after the birch has stopped flowering and before there is grass pollen in the air, but that it coincides with the period when the air is laden with oak pollen.



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ADRIAN BROOKS



Jeremy Hardie, left, WH Smith chairman, with Bill Cockburn, chief executive, yesterday. The group admits a full recovery will take four years

WH Smith reports first loss in 204-year history

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

WH SMITH reported the first loss in its 204-year history yesterday and admitted that it is up to four years away from a full recovery.

The company made a pre-tax loss of £194.7 million in the year ending June 1 because of exceptional items and losses on discontinued activities of £293.5 million. Last year's profit was £100.9 million.

Bill Cockburn, chief executive, said that so far this year trading was patchy. "A lot of our heartland products, like books and stationery, are doing okay, but music, video and computer games sales are very poor. They are very dependent on the quality of new blockbuster releases and they have not been as good as last year."

But he said that after its major restructuring the group was now on the right track: "We are in the foothills of the Cairngorms, but we still have the mountains to climb." He said that "the real challenge" is in WH Smith Retail, the division responsible for its 549-strong chain of shops.

Mr Cockburn has put the group through a series of major changes since he took charge in January. It has disposed of its half share in Do It All, which Boots took off its hands. It has also sold Paperchase, its business supplies company, and Heathcote Books, and made around 1,100 staff redundant. According to Mr Cockburn: "The bulk of job cuts are now behind us. Although there is of course room for productivity improvement, the major disposals and disruptions are done."

The Virgin Our Price music and Waterstone's book chains both made an operating profit last year, as did WH Smith Inc in the US.

The Wall, its US music chain, saw sales and profits fall and the company said that while the business will be retained, there "will be no further significant investment in it until the market prospects become clearer".

At the UK news wholesaling business, profits slid 9.1 per cent, to £27.9 million, after restructuring and laying off 580 staff. At WH Smith Retail profits slid 26.8 per cent, to £47.6 million.

Mr Cockburn said that it will not be clear until Christmas whether business is picking up. Margins were still disappointing. "Frankly, they are just not good enough and all the reorganisation is aimed at driving them up," he said.

At the WH Smith shops there are now 29 per cent fewer lines stocked, freeing up shelf space. The company plans to use some of the space for a new range of children's goods.

On the music side, the group plans to open 80 new Virgin stores and close up to 70 of the less profitable Our Price stores.

Losses per share were 71.4p, compared to earnings per share of 23.9p last year. The company proposes paying an unchanged final dividend of 10.4p, which will mean an unchanged full-year dividend of 15.65p.

Before exceptional items, the company made a pre-tax profit of £98.8 million, compared to £115.2 million a year ago. Mr Cockburn said that if the results of companies disposed of during the year were added, the profit figure would have been £10 million lower.

WH Smith shares, which have recently been trading near their year's highest level, were down 4½p, to 509½p.

The company also announced yesterday that Simon Burke, managing director of Virgin Our Price, has resigned and will leave on November 1 to return to the Virgin Retail group, where he will be chief executive responsible for its retail and cinema businesses worldwide. WH Smith has yet to find a replacement.

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Sears to close 200 shoe shops returned from Facia collapse

BY JASON NISSÉ

SEARS, the troubled retailer, is closing — at a cost of up to 2,000 jobs — 200 shoe shops that have come back to it after the collapse of the Facia empire run by Stephen Hinchliffe, the Sheffield businessman now the subject of a Serious Fraud Office inquiry.

About 90 of the shops have already been closed and the rest are being shut as soon as all the stock is sold. Huge sales are taking place in all shops still controlled by Sears, with customers being offered fixtures and fittings, as well as shoes at below half price.

Sears received back 370 shops because of the collpase of the Facia empire. It has already disposed of more than 100 in deals with the footwear groups Stylo and Stead & Simpson and has asked Healey & Baker, the chartered surveyor, to sell the rest.

Healey & Baker has now been told to offer the 200 shops with "vacant possession", meaning that the shoe outlets will be closed by the time any buyer wants to occupy them.

Nearly 1,000 jobs have been lost with the approximately 90 shops already closed. Although the staff were technically employed by Mr Hinchliffe's companies, now in administration, Sears has agreed to make redundancy payments as if they had never left the employment of Sears. This could cost the retailer more than £4 million.

The closures are expected to force Sears into losses in its half-year figures, to be announced next month. Tony Shiret, retailing analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, estimates that Sears will make £23 million of profits before provisions, which are now almost certain to plunge Sears into the red.

Liam Strong, chief executive of Sears, last month said that the company would make provisions of £25 million to cover losses on properties reverting to it because of Facia's collapse. Part of this has already been used up, with Sears having to pay Stylo an £8.75 million incentive to take just 61 Saxone stores off its hands. Now it appears the provisions will have to be substantially higher than £25 million.

Sears put in a claim for £30 million to KPMG, the receiver of Facia, because of money that it says is owed to it for stock and other services provided to Mr Hinchliffe's empire by Sears.

Although it is unlikely that Sears will lose the whole £30 million claimed, because it will receive money from the sale of stock left in Facia, it is also unlikey to recover anywhere near the whole amount. Its net losses from this claim could exceed £10 million.

Sears has already written off £54 million, treated as exceptional losses, as a result of selling its Saxone and Freeman Hardy Willis chains to Mr Hinchliffe's companies.

The empire collapsed after proceedings were started by the Department of Trade and Industry to have Mr Hinchliffe struck off as a director, and Sears put three of his companies into administration.

The SFO is now investigating transfers of up to £10 million from some Facia companies to other groups controlled by Mr Hinchliffe and, two weeks ago, raided addresses in Sheffield and London that had connections with Mr Hinchliffe.

Mr Hinchliffe, though, retains a high profile and was recently seen in the directors' box at Sheffield United Football Club.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3918.7	(+13.0)
Yield	3.99%	
FT-SE A All share	1936.24	(+8.05)
Nikkei	20709.81	(-200.46)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5723.11	(+11.84)*
S&P Composite	666.79	(+0.39)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 5/16%*	(5 1/4%)
Long Bond	97 22/32	(97 2/32)
Yield	6.97%*	(6.97%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	5 5/16%	(5 11/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	107 1/16	(107 1/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5595*	(1.5546)
London:		
$	1.5593	(1.5557)
DM	2.3015	(2.2987)
FFr	7.8854	(7.8650)
SFr	1.8579	(1.8569)
Yen	169.04	(167.62)
£ Index	85.0	(84.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4765*	(1.4785)
FFr	5.0555*	(5.0575)
SFr	1.1926*	(1.1935)
Yen	108.41*	(107.70)
$ Index	95.0	(95.9)

Tokyo close Yen 108.49

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov) $20.05 ($19.85)

GOLD

London close $388.55 ($388.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Rothschild

NM Rothschild, the family controlled merchant bank rocked by the death of Amschel Rothschild last month, is to shake up its senior management structure.
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Childcare

The Government published a consultation paper on increasing childcare, although it gave no hint on whether it would give in to pressure on extending tax relief for companies offering workplace childcare to childcare provision in the home. Business welcomed the proposals. **Page 26**

Lloyd's poised for £3bn step as rescue is backed

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE Lloyd's of London council is today expected to declare its ground-breaking £3.2 billion settlement offer unconditional, after receiving a resounding endorsement of its recovery plan for the insurance market.

More than 90 per cent of the 34,000 Lloyd's names worldwide had accepted the settlement by yesterday's noon deadline, giving Lloyd's a strong mandate to move forward.

Lloyd's said it would continue receiving acceptances from names in America — many of whom had delayed responding while court proceedings were going on. Rebel US names secured an injunction on the reconstruction and renewal plan in a court in Virginia on Friday, only to see the ruling overturned on appeal.

Lloyd's said that 66.7 per cent of the 3,000 American names had accepted the offer by 4pm yesterday. By then, 31,001 names — or 90.3 per cent of members — had agreed to the offer. Lloyd's was inundated with faxes from names in America after Tuesday's ruling in the US Appeals Court in Baltimore.

David Rowland, chairman, said: "The level of acceptance speaks for itself. Members have made their views toward the reconstruction of Lloyd's abundantly clear."

Mr Rowland acknowledged that many overseas members, particulary in America, may have deferred accepting the offer in the light of the Virginia ruling. He said: "In the circumstances, I believe that the fair and proper course is to exercise flexibility in receiving acceptance forms beyond today's deadline."

Lloyd's council will decide whether to grant a formal extension of the offer when it meets this afternoon. Names who do not accept risk being pursued through the courts for the full extent of their losses

There is no specified level of support for Lloyd's offer to go unconditional. Lloyd's council must instead satisfy itself that enough litigants of sufficient weight have accepted, and that enough money will be forthcoming to fund the market's recovery plan.

Lloyd's must next convince the Department of Trade and Industry that sufficient premiums are available to fund Equitas, the insurance company designed to take on losses for 1992 and prior years. The DTI is expected to consider the issue of Lloyd's solvency within the next week.

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Interest rate rise in Japan now unlikely

SPECULATION about a rise in Japanese interest rates ended yesterday with news of a surprise fall in business confidence in August (Janet Bush writes).

The Bank of Japan's quarterly corporate Tankan survey showed its major index of manufacturing sentiment falling to minus seven, from minus three in May. Most forecasts had expected the index to show a modest rise.

The confidence index has proved a good guide to Japanese monetary policy decisions, and analysis said the chance of a rate rise this year is now quite remote. The Japanese central bank cut its official discount rate to 0.5 per cent last September and has kept it there since then.

After the Tankan was released, the dollar surged along with Japanese government bonds.

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Trade boost as index hits high

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A NEW stock market record high yesterday coincided with an encouraging set of British trade figures and an excellent auction of government bonds.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 13 points up, at a new closing high of 3,918.7. Although the rise largely reflected another positive performance on Wall Street, the positive economic news provided background confidence.

Britain's trade deficit with the rest of the world was £1.12 billion in June, virtually unchanged from May and better than City forecasts of a £1.4 billion shortfall.

Figures for Britain's trade performance with non-European countries were also published, and showed the deficit narrowing to £506 million in July, from £1.1 billion in June. Exports were up 6.7 per cent, while imports fell by 1.2 per cent, mainly because of lower imports of aircraft.

The Office for National Statistics said that the pattern of the deficit has been erratic and that it is difficult to judge the overall trend. Its best guess, however, is that the trend is flat.

This is encouraging given that stronger demand at home ought to be sucking in imports, and exports were expected to have been held back by sluggish growth in Europe.

Hopes that accelerating economic growth this year will help to reduce government borrowing was one factor that prompted strong demand at yesterday's £2.5 billion auction of 7.5 per cent gilts due in 2006.

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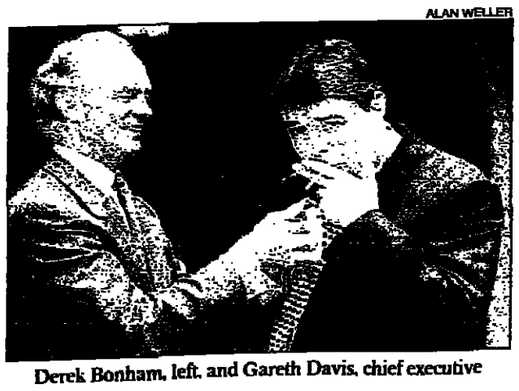
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Hanson reveals £95m cost of four-way split

ALAN WELLER



Derek Bonham, left, and Gareth Davis, chief executive

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

HANSON revealed yesterday that it had cost around £95 million to split the company into four. Details of the costs, which exclude some bond charges still to be determined, emerged in the listing details sent out yesterday for Imperial Tobacco and Millennium Chemicals.

The companies, which are the first two divisions to be spun off from Hanson, are expected to start trading at the start of October. But the City remained unimpressed and Hanson shares fell ¼p to close at 160p.

Imperial, where Derek Bonham is chairman, is expected to be valued at more than £2 billion. It is the UK's second largest tobacco company with 38 per cent of the market. Imperial said it would be looking for better productivity and cost efficiencies. The company is also aiming to improve its position in export markets.

Last year Imperial made operating profits of £348 million on a turnover of £3.6 billion or £747 million if duty is stripped out. The company has been bequeathed debts of £1.1 billion by Hanson. Imperial said the estimated dividend for 1996 was 20p and it would operate a progressive dividend policy.

Millennium Chemicals, which will be quoted in New York, is expected to be valued at £1.85 billion. The company will include Quantum Chemicals, SCM Chemicals and the 26 per cent interest in Surburban Propane. William Landuyt, chairman and chief executive, said Millennium was looking to maximise long-term cash flow and make selective acquisitions. The company said it would pay a 60 cents dividend next year, but added it was not a dividend stock. Mr Landuyt also hinted of a share buyback by the end of the decade. Last year Millennium made profits of $842 million on a turnover of $3.8 billion.

Investors will get one Imperial share for every ten Hanson and one Millennium share for every 70 Hanson. The Energy group, including Eastern Electricity, will be the last to demerge early next year. An EGM on September 25 will seek shareholder approval for the Imperial Tobacco and Millennium Chemicals demerger.

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Brewer sounds wage warning

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

WHITBREAD, the brewer, says that a national minimum wage introduced by a future Labour government at £4.15 an hour would push up its salary costs sharply and lead directly to job losses.

The warning marks a specific declaration against Labour's policy of a minimum wage by a company in an industrial sector — food and drink production and distribution — that is likely to be one of the areas most heavily affected by it.

Labour Party sources said yesterday that warnings such as Whitbread's were unrealistic because they were based on calculations made on a specific figure for a minimum wage.

Labour will come under pressure in a fortnight's time to set a specific figure when unions at the TUC conference press for a minimum wage of £4.26 an hour. However, the party says it will not do so in advance of a general election. It will only do so after consulting industry through a new low pay commission that will recommend a minimum level.

Basing its calculations on previous union demands for a national minimum set at £4.15 an hour, Whitbread's unpublished document, *A National Minimum Wage — a Whitbread Position Paper*, says that while a minium wage set at, say, £3 an hour would have a "negligible" impact on the company, a statutory minimum at £4.15 would add an extra £27 million to its salary costs and could cost the lesiure industry generally up to £167 million.

The Whitbread document, detailed in today's *People Management* magazine, says that a £4.15 plus minimum would force the company to cut the 3,000 jobs it says that it creates annually, erode pay differentials, reduce hours and lead directly to redundancies.



Tony Hill, chief executive of Surrey Free Inns, left, and Patrick Townsend, chairman, who delivered a 46 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits

Industry supports call for childcare strategy

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders yesterday welcomed the Government's proposal for a national childcare strategy, aimed at increasing women's ability to take on jobs and improving Britain's competitiveness.

Although ministers pledged no new money with the move, which is intended to encourage business to improve its childcare provision, business leaders and childcare campaigners saw it as a significant shift by the Government towards a more co-ordinated approach to a key aspect of labour market policy.

The Government yesterday published a consultation paper on increasing childcare facilities, although ministers would give no hint about whether the Government is likely to accede to campaigners' pressure and extend current tax relief for businesses offering workplace childcare to childcare provision in the home.

Whitehall officials acknowledge that, although many big companies claim tax relief for workplace nurseries, the takeup among firms is small.

The consultation paper says that "while there has been an increase in childcare provision in recent years, much more is needed". Accepting that it has left it to the market, the Government insisted yesterday that it would not increase its intervention by raising current subsidies for child care.

Cheryl Gillan, the Education and Employment Minister, said there was a strong business case for childcare provision. "I am clear that this is an area where the Government should not act alone," she said. "I do not believe in a nanny state."

Childcare campaigners argue that lack of care facilities limits the number of women able to work, and the document goes some way towards this view, saying that "efficient provision of childcare contributes to economic competitiveness" and that "this strategy will not be fully effective if significant numbers of women are prevented from using fully their learning and skills in the labour market".

In an explicit move towards a national childcare strategy, the Government said that it was "considering whether a basis exists for developing a broad national framework within which all parties can work together to provide childcare services that meet local labour market needs".

Business leaders broadly welcomed the Government's move. The CBI said the paper was a "welcome development complementing the increasing use of family-friendly and flexible working practices to recruit and retain employees with family responsibilities".

The Institute of Directors said that it hoped that the new emphasis would "enable parents to return to work".

The TUC said: "Britain needs a national childcare strategy, led by the Government, based on partnership."

Fiona Cannon, of the pressure group Employers for Childcare, said the Government's move was "an exciting and significant step forward".

Ministers insist that although improved childcare is a family policy, it is one with a strong business case, and they indicated yesterday that they want to make quick progress on the issue after a very short eight-week consultation period on the new proposals.

Concern on AIM share fluctuations

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

PATRICK TOWNSEND, chairman of Surrey Free Inns, the pub retailer that was voted AIM company of the year, yesterday expressed serious concern about "violent fluctuations" in AIM market share prices at times of little activity.

He said he had raised the matter with the stock exchange because he was worried that volatile movements in price might undermine investor confidence.

Mr Townsend's comments came as the company unveiled a 46 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £1.2 million.

Turnover rose 10 per cent to £12.6 million, while the total dividend was increased 25 per cent to 2.25p.

Gearing stood at 66 per cent at the year-end and is expected to rise further this year.

Shares in the company rose 11.5p to 290p, compared with a price of just 75p a year ago. A final dividend of 1.25p a share is payable on November 29.

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One-jet airline signs BA franchise deal

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Mediterranean Airways — the tiny one-jet airline formed less than two years ago to compete with British Airways — has signed a franchise agreement with its giant rival.

From the end of next month the BMA Airbus A320 will fly between London and Beirut, Damascus and Amman in BA colours and join a rapidly growing list of small airlines that have agreed to become franchise partners.

British Airways, whose chief executive is Bob Ayling, has agreed to pull out of the routes, which were losing money for both airlines. BMA will become the sole British operator to the Levant. In return BMA has dropped its application for licences to fly on some of BA's most lucrative routes to Riyadh, Jeddah and Dhahran in Saudi Arabia, and to Kuwait City.

The BMA board, which includes David Burnside, former BA public affairs director, will remain in total control and there will be no exchange of equity. All the airline's profits, or losses, will go to BMA but it will pay an undisclosed flat fee to BA and alter flight timings to fit with BA's international network of services.



Ayling: rational solution

BMA, which has now flown more than 50,000 passengers between London and the Middle East, will expand its fleet of Airbus A320s to enable it to operate daily on the routes, and plans to open new services to Egypt and Tashkent.

Franchises are becoming a phenomenon of the aviation industry and BA has now signed ten such deals — six with small British carriers and four from overseas.

Between them they carried 3.4 million passengers last year on 76 aircraft operating to 80 different routes. They brought in more than £50 million in revenue for BA through additional passenger "feed" and straight franchise payments.

Phone company's profit paves way

Optus on line for float

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

OPTUS, Australia's second phone operator in which Cable and Wireless holds a 24.5 per cent stake, paved the way for its planned A$1.5 billion (£750 million) stock market float yesterday with its first full-year profit of A$60 million.

The company, which began as a long-distance operator four years ago and last year made a A$17 million loss, also confirmed that the float would take place before the end of the year with the issue of up to 800 million shares.

Zygmunt Switkowski, chief executive, said: "After a tremendous effort during its first few years, Optus is now in a very strong position to capitalise on the opportunities presented by the rapidly growing telecommunications industry. We have a strong and loyal customer base, a strong brand franchise, and robust market shares."

Optus plans to sell more than a third of the company through the float after the decision of Mayne Nickless, which holds 25 per cent, to include its stake in the float instead of selling it to a sole buyer. British Telecom is understood to have been one of four companies interested in buying the stake.

Optus had planned to float only 10 per cent of its shares to put a value on the group, which analysts now estimate could be up to A$5 billion. Total revenues rose 36 per cent to A$1.9 billion for the year to June 1996, with long-distance revenues rising 34 per cent to A$811 million and Optus's mobile phone revenue 55 per cent ahead at A$765 million. The figures received a warm welcome from analysts.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.06	1.90
Austria Sch	17.19	15.69
Belgium Fr	50.39	46.09
Canada $	2.232	2.072
Cyprus Cypf	0.747	0.692
Denmark Kr	9.46	8.66
Finland Mkk	7.55	6.90
France Fr	8.27	7.62
Germany Dm	2.46	2.25
Greece Dr	383	358
Hong Kong $	12.66	11.66
Iceland	115	96
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.83
Israel Shk	5.27	4.82
Italy Lira	2462	2307
Japan Yen	182.80	166.80
Malta	0.594	0.539
Netherlds Gld	2.732	2.502
New Zealand $	2.39	2.17
Norway Kr	10.53	9.73
Portugal Esc	247.00	228.50
S Africa Rd	7.58	6.78
Spain Pta	201.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.90	10.10
Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Turkey Lira	137500	129500
USA $	1.653	1.529

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Top pensions still hidden, says study

DISCLOSURE of the £3 million pension package secured by George Simpson at GEC is unlikely to be repeated in many companies. A survey of company accounts by Lane Clark & Peacock, the consulting actuary, finds little improvement in information given to shareholders. "Pending full implementation of new Stock Exchange requirements, disclosures about directors' pensions still fall far short of revealing the true position, particularly where the director belongs to the main staff pension scheme," the actuary concludes.

New listing rules should reduce the scope for avoiding some disclosure. However, Bob Scott, of LC&P, says that recommendations of the Greenbury report into directors' pay have been fudged. A joint proposal by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries to implement Greenbury suggested that the value to the director be disclosed as the transfer value of pension earned in the year. This would have led to disclosure of the huge pension cost of directors recruited or promoted in their late forties and fifties, as well as the effect of bumping up pay shortly before retirement. Lobbying by the CBI and others led to actuaries coming up with a looser formula that merely aims to let investors calculate the value of pensions accrued.

New jobs for Tyneside

MORE than 400 jobs are to be created at a Tyneside offshore engineering yard that has become part of a leading Norwegian company. The link-up between McNulty Offshore Services in South Shields and Aker Oil and Gas Technology, which has gained a 70 per cent stake, will result in the doubling of the existing 450 workforce. Peter McNulty, managing director, said that the company was buying the Tyne Dock site next door. The expanded operation and recruitment is planned to be spread over two years.

Threat to Coats factory

ALMOST 400 jobs in Northern Ireland were under threat last night when Coats Viyella announced that it was to stop shirt production at its plant in Maydown, Co Londonderry. The company said that by the end of the year all its shirts would be imported. Some 380 people are employed at the factory which specialises in the production of Peter England and Van Heusen shirts for the UK and European markets. Coats Viyella is exploring alternative uses for the Maydown plant in a bid to maximise continued employment.

Treble for Intelek

INTELEK, the electronics and aerospace company, trebled underlying profits over the year to April 30, after a full-year contribution from Pascall, its satellite systems producer. Demand for mobile phones helped to lift sales at its electronics division to £19 million. Sharply increased margins raised operating profits from £529,000 to £1.64 million, leaving pre-tax profits of £1.16 million (£604,000). Earnings rose from 0.79p to 1.68p, giving a final of 0.6p (0.5p). It will be paid on October 10, and takes the total to 0.9p (0.75p).

Domnick Hunter ahead

DOMNICK HUNTER, the filtration and gas separation group, said yesterday that its newly created gas generation division is unlikely to go into the black until 1998. The operation currently accounts for about 5 per cent of group turnover and makes a small loss. Domnick Hunter yesterday reported a 23.9 per cent jump in interim pre-tax profits to £4.2 to June 30, on turnover up from £21.7 million to £25.7 million. Earnings per share rose 22.9 per cent to 8.04p, and the interim dividend climbed 20 per cent to 2.88p.

CrestaCare advances

CRESTACARE, the UK's third-largest nursing home operator, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.62 million (£2.59 million) in the six months to end-June. Earnings per share were unchanged at 1p; there is an interim dividend of 0.3p (0.29p) a share and average occupancy has stabilised just above 86 per cent. Significant progress has been made on a number of new projects, including a new 91-bed facility in London, and a 60-bed, long-stay facility in Scotland. Almost 456 additional beds are expected to be be added in the next financial year.

Beales Hunter up

BEALES HUNTER, the electrical equipment company, yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £3.24 million for the 12 months to the end of May 1996, compared with losses of £950,000 last year. The company said that the electrical division's order position was good and margins were stable, although the market remained competitive. Losses per share of 4.5p were turned into earnings of 21.8p. The setting of a final dividend of 7.8p brings the full-year dividend to 10.7p, against 10.2p.

Newspaper bid silence

INDEPENDENT GROUP, the Irish newspaper company, yesterday refused to confirm it was interested in buying United Provincial Newspapers' southern titles, which have been put up for sale by United News & Media. Earlier this month a joint bid by Independent and Mirror Group Newspapers failed to secure Pearson's regional newspapers, despite being the highest offer. The two already control Newspaper Publishing, which publishes *The Independent* and *Independent on Sunday*, and are anxious to expand into the regional market.

Guinness Peat ahead

GUINNESS PEAT, the investment group, yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £11.2 million for the half year to June 30 up from £6.9 million. Most of the company's earnings stemmed from the sale of its 50 per cent stake in Physicians Insurance of Ohio. Garry Weiss, a GPG director, said he expected a strong full-year result. The company did not declare an interim dividend as in the previous year. It also said that Ballarat Brewing, for which it has made a takeover offer, "has considerable potential for a successful integration with other group activities".

☐ Culture changes threaten tobacco sector ☐ Regulation has some way to go ☐ Fund managers contemplate Labour in power

A future of ashtrays and dog-ends

☐ AS BEFITS its name, Imperial Tobacco has spent the past century at war with our former colonies. Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. The company was formed at the turn of the century in a desperate attempt by the British tobacco trade to fend off the unwanted attentions of the American Tobacco Company.

The famous names of the British tobacco industry, Messrs Wills, Player, Lambert and Butler, realised that only by pulling together could they see off the financial might of James "Buck" Duke, a Lord Hanson of his day, whose favoured takeover tactic was to turn up unannounced at a factory and explain why the company could not survive a bout of ATC price-cutting.

Imperial's defensive tactics worked. Mr Duke retreated home after receiving a jolly good hiding in the UK. The two companies signed an uneasy peace treaty, effectively withdrawing from each other's markets and a third firm, British American Tobacco, took control of exports of Imperial brands.

After 90 years of an increasingly fragile peace the about-to-be independent Imperial is about to find itself at war again with America on two fronts. Imperial will have to take on the might of the big American tobacco companies and BAT, as it goes in search of new markets to help wean itself off the UK. Imperial generates about 87 per cent of its profits in the UK, but the market here is in rapid decline, with the tax and regulatory environment destined only to become stricter. As befits a graduate of the Hanson school, the management have all the number-crunching skills and should be able to find some more cost-savings and productivity gains to make its market share go that bit further.

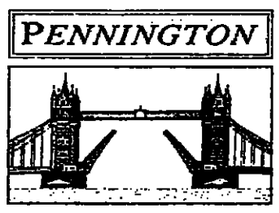
The company has also made some successful entries into new markets — including winning a 4 per cent share of the American blend market in France with a new product. But Imperial lacks real global presence, let alone a world renowned brand. For all its excited talk of the vast untapped markets in the East, the company may find itself struggling in the scramble to find new customers outside of the declining Western markets.

But it is the fallout from the anti-smoking war being waged in the US that could have a more lasting negative effect. Imperial has no presence in the US and has no plans to enter the market. Yet it still felt it necessary to devote a lengthy passage in its listing document to the potential legal and regulatory hazards inherent in the tobacco industry.

Imperial's opinion that it is unlikely to lose any of its legal cases in the UK is probably correct. But the gloom surrounding tobacco stocks in the markets increasingly has little to do with legal facts or the current lull in new regulations in Europe. The anti-smoking battle is ultimately about culture not courts, and, in spite of the promise of new markets, it is hard to believe that all the tobacco companies have an independent long-term future.

New angst for old at Lloyd's

☐ KNOWING Lloyd's, expect an imminent intervention by Michael Howard. The main impact of Lloyd's rescue plan going through will be to free thousands of names at last from what looked like a financial life sentence. Has Mr Howard been informed? Not that many will jump for joy at finally being



fleeced and released. But losing your wool once and for all is better than being condemned to wander the earth with open syndicates round your neck to remind you of your own and others' folly.

The Home Secretary played a minor part in the downfall of the old Lloyd's when he piloted his generally admirable Financial Services Act through Parliament. He left Lloyd's out. Appalling conflicts of interest continued, as they do to this day.

The Department of Trade and Industry and the Treasury are now more relevant. Barring further American legal appeals, landslide votes on both sides of the Atlantic for the £3.2 billion settlement pave the way for past nasties to be swept up in Equitas, the all-purpose reinsurance dustbin. But Equitas still has to be approved by the DTI to establish Lloyd's solvency. That solvency, based on much lower Equitas premiums than first thought, must also be maintained.

Passing of the rescue plan will unleash a frenzy of corporate activity. Incorporation of agency partnerships helped to destroy the old Lloyd's. Mergers may be as vital now to create firms that can offer efficient, rule-observing service at much lower cost.

Professionals will increasingly deal with corporate underwriters who do not enjoy the tax and operational benefits of sole traders. Costs must be cut and Lloyd's will cede business as well as jobs. It should find new market niches but may also fall under outside control.

Regulation also has a long way to go. Future names, mostly super-rich or insiders, will demand a better deal, not least to ease conflicts with corporate capital. New investors, and traders in capacity, need the same protection as in other markets. Individual authorisation should cull many. Maybe Lloyd's can then focus on natural disasters, which it handles so much better than those of its own making.

The City's new bogeyman

☐ JUST as children get more frightened of bogeymen as autumn evenings draw in so too are fund managers are becoming a little uneasy about the prospects of a Labour government.

Until yesterday the chief bogeyman was Alistair Darling, who as Labour's City frontbench spokesman put the fear of excessive regulation and poverty into City types. Now Mike O'Brien takes on the mantle, and memories of his persistent but incisive questioning on the Treasury Select Committee will be worrying regulators and practitioners alike as the election looms.

A solicitor by profession, O'Brien is not quite the New Danger that Darling was perceived to be by fund managers worried that he was going to tear up the regulatory rulebooks and start again with an SEC-style statutory system. Images of Ivan Boesky on his way to jail upset City insiders, who feel that the self-regulatory system in Britain is already a tad too tight.

On top of that, there is the worry of Labour's plans for an easier, simpler, cheaper pensions system giving little scope for high commissions and hoodwinking customers.

It is not quite the same as the nervousness back in 1987 when wiser, older City voices gave warnings that, after more than a decade of rising markets, young fund managers would not be able to cope with a bear market. But after 16 years of Conservative rule, many have no experience of dealing with a Labour government. Now the siren voices are putting their own money beyond the reach of the taxman and the New Danger.

Strong question

☐ IT WAS inevitable that Sears would end up closing the majority of the shoe shops it sold to Stephen Hinchliffe. But what of Liam Strong? The Sears chief executive has pinned his reputation on sorting out the beleaguered British Shoe Corporation. His chairman Bob Reid has publicly defended him twice. When Sears reveals a half-year loss, will Reid be able to defend Strong a third time?

Unigate sells and leaves America

Unigate, the milk and fresh foods group, has completed its withdrawal from the US with the sale of its Taco Bueno chain of fast-food Mexican restaurants for $42 million. The larger part of the American restaurant business, the Black-eyed Pea diners, were sold in June for £42 million.

Unigate is selling Casa Bonita, the subsidiary that owns the Taco Bueno business, to CKE Restaurants, a US quoted company.

Casa Bonita has 109 Taco Bueno restaurants in Texas and Oklahoma. It made operating profits of $4.6 million in the year to March 1996. Unigate said the sale left the group totally focused on its European food and distribution businesses.

Internet stake

Megalomedia, the fast-growing media group headed by Maurice Saatchi, is paying £201,250 for an 11 per cent stake in Webmedia Group, a UK-based Internet company. The deal will help Megalomedia expand into new media alongside Framestore, the recently acquired film and video-technology company.

Tag 'float'

TAG Heuer International, the Swiss-based watchmaker, has appointed Salomon Brothers and SBC Warburg to advise on a possible flotation. The company has been revitalised in the past seven years, under a team led by Christian Viros, chief executive officer.

Gencor adds

Gencor, the South African mining group, has lifted its stake in Alusaf, the aluminium smelter, to 73 per cent after the preference share issue. Gencor purchased the stake from South Africa's Industrial Development Corporation.

Cash raiser

Pemberstone, the investment and property management company, has successfully completed its placing and open offer, raising £7.1 million to pay off borrowings and fund new acquisitions.

FKI buys

FKI is buying Nuova Marelli Motor, an Italian maker of low voltage electric motors and alternators, for £35 million in cash. FKI will also assume debt of £17.5 million.

Dunlop deal

Dunlop Slazenger Group, the international sports equipment company, is buying the Dunlop Slazenger division of BRT Dunlop in South Africa for £3.3 million.

Rothschild initiates review of structure

BY JASON NISSÉ

N M ROTHSCHILD, the family-controlled merchant bank rocked by the suicide of Amschel Rothschild last month, is to shake up its senior management structure.

One of the three non-family members who form the management committee is to leave the bank, another is likely to reduce his role and a recently appointed director from outside the bank is to join the management comittee.

In addition, Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, the bank's chairman, has started a review of how the bank is run which could mean a shake-up of its international structure and its relationship with other banks controlled by the Rothschild family.

The first signs of the changes are the imminent departure of Bernie Myers, who, with corporate financiers Russell Edey and Tony Alt, sits on the management committee which advises Sir Evelyn on the running of the bank.

Mr Myers, who has the title of managing director and has worked with Sir Evelyn for more than 20 years, is to leave in October, but will be retained by Rothschild as a consultant.

Mr Myers is to be replaced on the committee by Tony Chapman, a lawyer from the City firm of Freshfields who joined the bank only at the beginning of this year.

Mr Chapman is said by insiders to have the ear of Sir Evelyn, having been his personal legal adviser for many years, and now occupies the office directly opposite Sir Evelyn on the fourth floor of Rothschild's headquarters in the City.

It is also expected that Mr Edey will reduce his role at the bank and may leave the executive comittee. He is the joint managing director of corporate finance and is largely in charge of international relations.

There had been suggestions that Mr Edey might leave the bank, but it is believed that he is to be given a more ambassadorial role, relieving him of administrative functions and putting him in charge of marketing for the bank.

Sir Evelyn is now looking at fresh ways of organising the bank so that a structure is in place that will guarantee that the family remains in control of the 190-year-old institution.

David de Rothschild, who comes from the French arm of the family, has been seen as the most likely successor to Sir Evelyn, who is 64. However, in the wake of the death of Amschel Rothschild, who was the most senior member of the English family after Sir Evelyn, close friends of Sir Evelyn now expect him to remain in charge for a further decade to bring his sons into the business.

Many in the City have been pressing Sir Evelyn to bring in an outside chief executive to run the business, rather as Sir Michael Richardson developed the bank in the early 1980s.

However, Sir Evelyn appears reluctant to cede any control and, although Mr Chapman is an outsider, he is not the senior merchant banker that many feel that Rothschild needs to take it forward.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Provident Financial's John van Kuffeler, left, and Howard Bell have seen market share fall

Motorists face premium rise as insurers halt price war

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

MOTORISTS can expect the cost of car insurance to rise by up to 7 per cent by the end of the year, the UK's largest insurers said yesterday.

They say rising claims are forcing them to increase prices to avoid writing unprofitable business. Worst hit will be young drivers, people with high-performance vehicles and sports cars, and those living in the inner cities.

Motor rates have fallen over the past two years as composite insurers competed for business with new direct insurers. Although the industry believed rates had bottomed out, each insurer was reluctant to be the first to raise premiums because they feared a fall in market share.

After nearly two years of pain, the larger insurers are now willing to sacrifice market share to increase profits. The move is bad news for some of the direct insurers. A number have yet to make a profit and observers have questioned how long they can afford to undercut their rivals.

The news of premium rises emerged as Provident Financial announced its interim results. It said it had already raised private motor premiums 7 per cent this year and would increase them a further 7 per cent next month. John van Kuffeler, chief executive, said: "We will not write unprofitable business, and our market share has fallen as a result. We believe other insurers are putting their prices up behind the scenes."

Provident Financial has seen the number of motor policyholders fall by around 70,000 to 731,000 as a result of the price rises.

Direct Line, the largest motor insurer, said it had already begun to make selective increases. A spokeswoman said: "We expect our rates to go up by between 2 and 3 per cent over the next two years."

Rebecca Hadley of AA Insurance Services said that half of the panel of 50 insurers used by the AA had raised rates. General Accident has already increased rates by 4 per cent in April and a further 4 per cent in August for some drivers.

Provident Financial, which specialises in door-to-door collection of small personal loans, reported a 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £47.5 million for the six months to June 30. Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 11.8p and the interim dividend is increased 18 per cent to 6.5p.

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Johnston Press up to £12m after sale

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

JOHNSTON PRESS, the regional newspaper publisher and printing group, made pre-tax profits of £12.6 million in the half year to June 30, up from £8.1 million a year before.

The figure was flattered by a net exceptional gain of £2.9 million relating to the sale of the *Bury Times* to Newsquest in April. Excluding exceptional items, pre-tax profit rose by 10 per cent, from £8.8 million to £9.7 million.

The results do not take into account Johnston's £205 million purchase of Emap's regional newspaper interests, announced in June and completed last month.

Operating profit rose to £10.3 million, from £8.8 million, on sales of £55.7 million (£49.5 million). Earnings per share were 4.92p (4.4p). A 0.75p interim dividend due on November 3 is the same as a year ago, but equals a 4.8 per cent rise when adjusted for the rights issue that helped to fund the Emap deal.

At operating level, newspapers provided £8.7 million of profit, bookbinding £900,000 and bookselling, the only division to fall, £300,000.

Firecrest stake sold

SHARES in Firecrest, the AIM-listed marketing group, rose from 54p to 59p yesterday after an announcement that Camelot Corporation, its largest external shareholder, has sold its 10½ per cent stake (Fraser Nelson writes).

The two companies first collaborated on the Digiphone, which Camelot makes and Firecrest distributes. Camelot, now part of the AIM-listed company Meteor, gained the stake as part-payment for the distribution rights.

Firecrest provides advertising and direct marketing services and markets mobile telephones.

Cortworth delivers record results

BY OLIVER AUGUST

CORTWORTH, the specialist engineering group that floated last December, yesterday announced record pre-tax profits.

In the six months to June 30, pre-tax profits rose to £5 million (£2.3 million). Earnings per share increased 13 per cent to 7.1p and the interim dividend was set at 2.1p.

Roger Pinnington, the chairman, said: "Throughout the group, organic growth continues to be encouraged with quality customer service and new product development.

"Acquisitions will play a major role in our future expansion, but sensible pricing for suitable acquisitions as much as availability will determine the timing and the pace of such developments."

Mr Pinnington said that capital restructuring at the time of the flotation distorted balance sheet comparisons with June 30, 1995.

The early elimination of a £5 million bank overdraft leaves the company ungeared and with £6.6 million of bank and cash balances at June 30, 1996, in spite of an 85 per cent increase in capital expenditure.

Kalon hurt by French politics

BY FRASER NELSON

FRENCH employment policy has held back Kalon, the paint company taken to court by unions over its plan to axe 300 jobs at Euridep, its French subsidiary.

Kalon's restructuring programme, designed to bed down last year's £330 million acquisition of Euridep, has been challenged under legislation stemming from the social chapter. The company must satisfy the courts that it has exhausted every other means of cutting costs.

The French Government delivered a second blow by cutting back on painting council houses to reduce public spending.

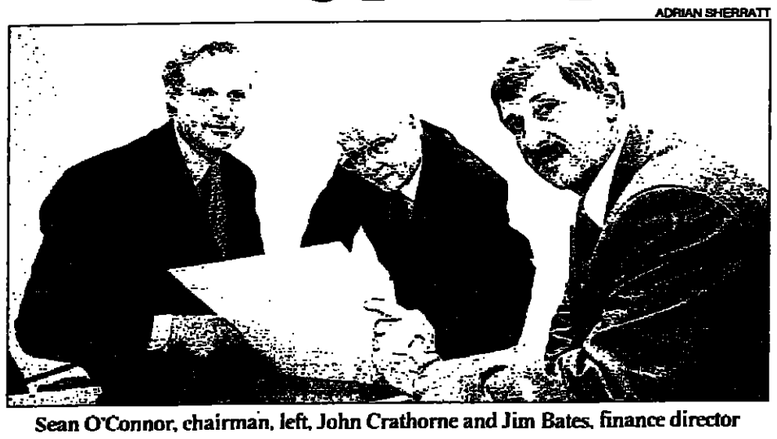
Returning results for the six months to June 30, Mike Hennessy, managing director, said: "There was no way we could have foreseen this political situation when we bought Euridep last year. But our French operations now have a considerable upside, which we should begin to see when the economy begins to recover."

Pre-tax profits rose from £11.6 million to £19.6 million, but earnings fell from 4.68p a share to 3.7p. An interim dividend of 1.7p (1.6p) will be paid on October 9.

Kalon will learn on September 13 whether the first phase of its French restructuring programme has been approved.

Housing pick-up heats Stoves profits by 42%

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Sean O'Connor, chairman, left, John Crathorne and Jim Bates, finance director

BY PAUL DURMAN

STOVES, the fast-growing cooker manufacturer, is starting to feel the benefit of the pick-up in the housing market.

John Crathorne, chief executive, believes the stimulus will help the UK cooker market to grow 5-6 per cent this year, bringing sales of around £340 million. Moving home often prompts the purchase of a new cooker.

Stoves reported strong second-half results, increasing pre-tax profits for the year ending in May by 42 per cent to £4.3 million. Sales rose 29 per cent to £63 million. This means Stoves, which came to market in June, has tripled in size in the past five years.

The company said the new financial year had begun well, with sales showing considerable growth on last year, when the first half was hit by the hot summer and higher raw material prices. Stoves attributes its success in winning market share to its flexible manufacturing methods, which allow it to keep stocks low and to respond quickly to new orders and changing demands.

Stoves hopes that the combination of its flexibility and the phasing out the last of its old manufacturing technology will enable it to increase profit margins. It achieved margins of 8 per cent in the second half, but for the year as a whole margins were marginally lower at just below 7 per cent.

Stoves is well advanced with plans to build up its overseas sales, particularly in France and Germany. Mr Crathorne said the company has still to decide whether to make an overseas acquisition.

A final dividend of 3.5p makes a total of 5.2p. Stoves said this represented a 15 per cent rise on the dividend that it would have paid if it had been listed for its 1994-95 year.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Bears scurry for cover amid brokers' warnings

STOCK market bears scurried for cover as the equity market resumed its record-breaking run, with prices being squeezed steadily higher.

But brokers were telling private clients last night not to chase the market any higher.

The FT-SE 100 index grew in confidence after a cautious start before ending just below its best of the day with a rise of 13.0 points at a new closing high of 3,918.7. The previous best of 3,907.5 was reached last week.

Confirmation that the Bank of England had successfully got its latest gilt auction away combined with some better than expected trade figures to boost City confidence.

But some of the moves, particularly among leading shares, owed more to an absence of sellers and persistent stock shortages than genuine retail demand.

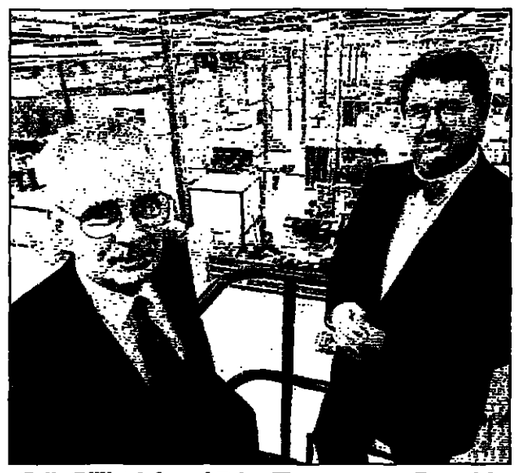
This was clearly reflected among turnover levels, where at the end of business only 623 million shares had changed hands. In these sort of conditions, it is easy for private investors to find themselves sitting on hefty losses in a short space of time.

Lloyds Abbey became the latest focus of attention for the speculators as the price soared 32p to 593p on suggestions that the mighty **Prudential** might choose to bid. Prudential is sitting on more than £2 billion in cash after this week's sale of Mercantile & General, its reinsurance subsidiary.

The Woolwich Building Society, which is looking to float on the stock market, is also seen as a target for the Prudential, 2p harder at 440p. The rise in the Lloyds Abbey share price was also good for **Lloyds TSB**, up 8½p at 380½p.

Revived talk of a takeover *boosted* **Zeneca**, which ended 17p dearer at £15.20 on turnover of less than a million shares. Persistent claims that **EMI**, which was recently demerged, will eventually be bid for was good for its shares, which rose 10p to £14.85. However, it seems more likely *that the rise is down to* institutional investors continuing to increase their weighting in the stock.

Stock shortages were reckoned to be behind the rise in **United News & Media**, publisher of the *Daily Express*, which ended the day 17½p better at 722½p after recent disposals. Just 1.4 million had traded by the close. First-time dealings in **Dairy Crest**, the dairy products producer, got off to a flying start with the help of strong institutional support. Placed at 155p, the price started at 182p and quickly climbed to a peak of 197p before ending the session at 196½p, a premium of 41½p. Turnover reached almost 20 million as institutional investors attempted to snap up more shares after the bulk of the issue had been offered to milk producers. Of the 70 million shares offered to the farmers, almost 90 per cent took up the offer rather than accept a cash alternative.



Colin Billiet, left, and Brian Thompson saw Domnick Hunter shares rise on the back of improved profits

Further reflection of this week's £200 million sale of its 50 per cent stake in the Carlsberg-Tetley joint venture to Bass has focused attention back on Allied Domecq, up 11p at 464½p. Brokers say the sale should enhance earnings almost straight away. Kleinwort Benson has moved from a "hold" to a "buy".

Hanson slipped 1p to 161p after outlinning further details of its proposed demerger that begins with Imperial Tobacco and Millenium Chemicals in October. Shareholders have been promised that Imperial Tobacco will pursue a liberal dividend policy. BZW has thrown its weight behind the moves by Hanson and is sticking with its top of the range valuation for the shares. This estimates that the sum of the parts for Hanson amounts to 193p, purely on trading grounds alone. James Ritchie, of BZW, said it was worth remembering that all four units had received a bid approaches.

WH Smith fell 3½p to 509½p after announcing its first losses for more than 200 years. Pre-tax profits were already down from £115.2 million to £98.8 million before the group was hit by provisions totalling £293 million, leaving an overall deficit of £194.7 million.

The outcome was much as analysts had been led to believe by the group's trading update in June that signalled huge write-offs relating to restructuring and the sale of its stake in Do-It-All. Sales were described as patchy although some brokers now see WH Smith as a recovery play.

Provident Financial rose 10p to 462p after half-year figures showed pre-tax profits £6.4 million up at £47.5 million.

A useful improvement in half-year pre-tax profits at **Domnick Hunter** of £700,000 to £4.2 million was rewarded with a rise of 3p to 400½p. Brian Thompson is splitting the roles of chairman and chief executive. He will remain chairman while Colin Billiet is appointed chief executive.

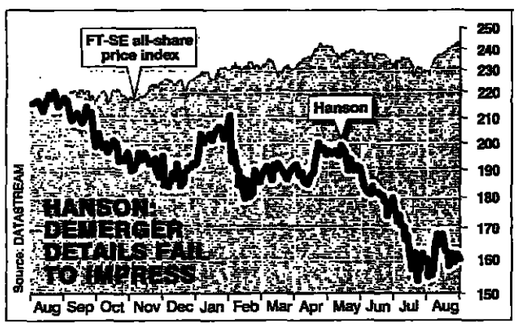
A "for sale" sign appears to have gon up at **First Information**, the CD Rom group, where the price plunged 67½p to 100p on the news that it was seeking an investor to maintain its development programme. The announcement was accompanied by news of a significant drop in sales.

Shares of **Hanover International** returned from suspension 4¾p higher at 130p. The group has just completed the acquisition of six hotels financed by a placing and open offer at 125p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Investors breathed a sigh of relief on learning that the latest auction, £2.5 billion of Treasury 7½ per cent 2006, had been comfortably absorbed after being 2.69 times subscribed. This, combined with a steadier trend among US Treasury Bonds, encouraged investors in London to begin picking up stock.

In the futures pit, the Setpember series of the Long Gilt hardened £1/16 to £107 3/16 as investors continued switching into the December series. This helped to swell turnover in the September series to 82,000 contracts. At the long end, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 firmed a tick to £97 13/32, while in shorts, Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 closed all square.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street stocks were slightly higher in a sluggish session that saw much of the activity limited to a few individual issues. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 11.84 points to 5,723.11.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 5723.11 (+11.84)
S&P Composite 666.79 (+0.39)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 20709.81 (-200.46)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 11379.49 (+40.50)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 563.38 (+2.97)

Sydney:
AO 2284.2 (+21.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2563.16 (+4.32)

Singapore:
Straits 2159.88 (-11.57)

Brussels:
General 95.24.65 (-20.89)

Paris:
CAC-40 2002.90 (-15.09)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 777.80 (-0.40)

London:

FT 30	2838.9 (+3.6)
FT 100	3918.7 (+13.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	4437.8 (+9.5)
FT-SE-A 350	1960.5 (+6.0)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1660.30 (+3.01)
FT A All-Share	1936.24 (+6.06)
FT Non Financials	2030.59 (+3.95)
FT Fixed Interest	113.54 (-0.17)
FT Govt Secs	92.79 (-0.73)
Bargains	37157
SEAQ Volume	623.9m
USM (Datastrm)	207.71 (+0.80)
US$	1.5595 (+0.0036)
German Mark	2.3015 (+0.0028)
Exchange Index	85.0 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£/ECU	1.2095
£/SDR	1.0662
RPI	152.4 Jul (2.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	151.9 Jul (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Amer Opps U Ln	100	...
Barbican Health	65	...
Chemical Dgn Hlg	160	+ ½
Dairy Crest Gp	196	...
Dentmaster Hldgs	4	...
Egypt Trust	673½	- 1
Electronic Retail	241	...
Fayrewood	47½	...
Gabriel Trust (16)	19	...
Gall Thomson Env	59½	...
Hambros Smlr As	65	...
Hoare Govett	97½	+ ½
Life Numbers	12	...
Life Numbers Wts	5	...
Lon & Edin Publ	15¼	...
Pemberstone Wts	6	...
Schroder Em C C	372	+ 4½
Schroder Emg C Wts	36	- ½
Schroder Emg C	91¼	+ ¼
Selector	68	...
Somerfield (145)	158½	+ 1
St James Place Cptl	88½	+ ½
Value Realisation	70	- 1½
Walker, Crips, Wddle	70½	- ½
West 175 Enter	130	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bath Press n/p (14)	2	- ¼
Inspec Gp n/p (180)	28	- ½
Scot Power n/p (250)	56½	+ 6
Stagecoach n/p (410)	97½	...
Trafficmtr n/p (290)	32½	...
Wyko Group n/p (123)	12½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Cattles	266p (+9p)
Hambros	267½p (+9p)
Antofagasta	313p (+8p)
CRH	649p (+16p)
Chiroscience	407½p (+10p)
Whatman	495p (+10p)
BTG	1755p (+55p)

FALLS:

Euro Leisure	194p (-11p)
REXAM	386½p (-10p)
Biocomps Intl	442p (-6p)
Telspec	425p (-7½p)
DCS Gp	192½p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Dismal reading matter

THERE is a disturbing similarity between WH Smith and Kingfisher. Walk down any high street and you will pass both a branch of the eponymous newsagent and a Woolworth, flagship chainstore of the Kingfisher group. Historic retail brands ought to have some value, but retailing is a cruel business. Today, shoppers are less creatures of habit than opportunists, leaving WH Smith and Kingfisher struggling to persuade jaded consumers to walk into their stores and buy.

WH Smith has initially done all the right things: slim down the head office, increase managerial accountability, shed surplus administrative staff. That will reduce the cost base by an initial £5 million, with more to come. However, retrenchment is easy: what WH Smith needs to do is not to shrink but to grow. It needs to offer a reason to buy newspapers, books and records at WH Smith rather than Sainsbury, Dillons or HMV.

British retailing is polarising between efficient discounters with own-brand goods and specialists boasting a wide product range. But WH Smith is positioned in neither camp. It is a convenience store, burdened with high rents in its high street locations but at the same time competing on price with discounters. So far the strategy looks confused. It has sharply reduced stock, a move that will improve cash flow but will do little to entice shoppers. Loyalty cards and children's sections are tired ideas borrowed from others.

If WH Smith cannot stock the range that would make it essential to its customers, it must offer unbeatable prices. That has serious implications, but avoiding the issue is not an option.

Provident Financial

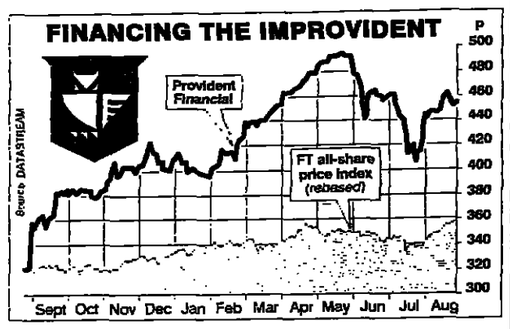
PROVIDENT FINANCIAL lends money to the 25 per cent of the population who cannot persuade the clearing banks to give them an overdraft. Home credit collection booms in times of economic hardship and Provident's business has grown at 10 per cent while its costs have risen by just 3 per cent.

Historically, credit collection has been robust in both good times and bad. During the lean years customers borrow small amounts to buy essentials. When salaries and job prospects improve they seek bigger loans to replace large household items.

Provident reckons the barriers to entry are too high to entice clearing banks and insurers on to its patch. It employs more than 10,000 agents who collect interest from their neighbours door-to-door. Falling unemployment will not necessarily cause it to lose business to more conventional lenders. The economy is creating more casual work than the full-time jobs that make attractive customers for banks.

However, Provident's impressive 40 per cent return on collected credit before tax might tempt a bank or insurer into launching a bid.

A market of 12 million people hitherto ignored by conventional financial services must offer some opportunities and might appeal to a more adventurous group such as Abbey National.



P&O

AS THEY battle for passengers at Dover and Calais, staff at P&O Ferries and Stena must worry what the future holds as talks get under way between the two companies. The bloodletting revealed yesterday by Stena — the ferry line lost $51 million in the first half and expects losses of $68 million for the full year — bodes ill for P&O and increases the urgency to get a deal agreed in time for next summer.

The Government has given the nod to talks between the two companies which between them account for almost half of the short-haul Channel traffic. Eurotunnel has just under 40 per cent, with Sea France and other ferries sharing the rest. Logically, there is little reason to permit pooling between Stena and P&O while opposing a merger. Pooling would allow the two larger operators to fix fares, share a timetable and reduce capacity, the principal anti-competitive benefits of a merger.

But even pooling would have to get past the OFT, probably the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and, no doubt, Brussels would want a say. If the ferry operators are expecting a smooth ride on the waves, they have only to glance upwards to notice the tangled vapour trails left by British Airways as it attempts to sew up the North Atlantic market.

Stoves

STOVES is that rare breed: a successful British company making consumer products. Since it was bought out from Yale & Valor in 1989, the cooker company has fought off bigger competitors, increasing sales in a flat market from £17 million to £63 million. Stoves now claims 16 per cent of the UK cooker market and hopes to reach 18 per cent this year.

How far can it go? Recovery in the housing market will certainly help, but Stoves also hopes to raise profit margins from the present 7 per cent. It sets great store by its manufacturing methods, which allow it to produce a wide range of cookers with a menu of different features.

But Stoves cannot escape the problem of price competition. As it grows, the company will soon be fighting for the limited number of customers who buy up-market cookers. That suggests price erosion and a drift down market. Meanwhile, rivals may seek to copy some of its tricks. The other avenue for growth is Europe, possibly by acquisition. That prospect is, at best, uncertain.

Still, Stoves should be able to raise its profits by 35 per cent this year, putting the shares on a forward multiple of 17.5 times earnings. While not too demanding, the rating looks high enough for now.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	969-968	Dec	1059-1057
Dec	991-990	Mar	1069-1067
Mar	1004-1003	May	1081-1078
May	1019-1018	Jul	1086-1080
Jul	1034-1032		
Sep	1049-1046	Volume: 8365	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1669-1667	May	1544-1541
Nov	1634-1632	Jul	1535-1525
Jan	1593-1592	Sep	1540-1520
Mar	1562-1558	Volume: 3945	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	336.5-35.0
Spot: 370.3		*Aug*	335.3-34.2
Oct	349.5-49.0	Oct	326.5-25.7
Dec	345.0-44.5	Dec	328.0-26.0
Mar	339.0-38.5	Volume: 1148	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	106.95	113.43	94.03
(+/-)	+1.12	+0.29	-1.70
Eng/Wales:	106.67	113.92	93.83
(+/-)	+1.39	+0.03	-1.90
(%)	+23.0	+19.0	+15.0
Scotland:	110.42	111.63	94.64
(+/-)	-1.08	+1.54	-2.13
(%)	+3.0	+32.0	-2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.05 +0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.40 +0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	20.05 +0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	21.90 +0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	21.45 +0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	215 (+1)	215 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	194 (+3)	195 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	98 (-1)	101 (nc)
Naphtha	195 (nc)	197 (nc)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	191.50-91.75	Dec	185.25-85.50
Oct	189.50-89.75	Jan	182.50-83.00
Nov	187.25-87.75	Vol: 16594	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	20.45-20.47	Jan	19.29-19.31
Nov	20.05-20.08	Feb	18.87-18.93
Dec	19.68-19.72	Vol: 28155	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	109.15	Sep	100.30
Nov	111.00	Nov	103.25
Jan	113.00	Jan	105.90
Mar	115.00	Mar	107.75
May	117.00	May	109.50
Volume: 318		Volume: 17	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	72.5
Mar	...	75.0
Apr	83.0	80.3
	Volume: 76	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Clf p/lk)

Oct 88.75-89.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 96	unq	unq	1115
Sep 96	1145	1138	1142
Oct 96	1251	1230	1235
Jan 97	1273	1265	1265
Vol: 394 lots		Open Interest 4788	
	Index 1116 +3		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash: 1972.0-1973.0	3mths: 1930.0-1940.0	Vol: 950075
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	801.50-802.00	803.00-803.50	221401
Lead ($/tonne)	999.50-1000.0	1026.0-1026.5	390575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	b1000.0-b1100.0	b1040.0-b1041.0	17795
Tin ($/tonne)	1446.0-1446.5	1482.5-1483.0	17611
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	7215.0-7220.0	7312.0-7315.0	78918
Nickel ($/tonne)			

FT-SE INDEX (*3019)

3800	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050
Calls					
Sep	146½	103	63½	32	11½	3
Oct	164½	124½	88½	59½	35	19
Nov	182½	143½	111	81	57	37½
Dec	200	171½	137	105½	80½	58
Jun	290½	—	229	—	179½	—
Puts						
Sep	½	12	23	44½	81	130½
Oct	20½	30½	45½	66½	95½	133½
Nov	33	44½	62½	83½	110½	144
Dec	47½	61½	79	99	124	154½
Jun	129½	—	161½	—	209½	—

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Sep 96	3927.0	3943.0	3924.0	3941.0	9953
Previous open interest: 66633	Dec 96	3954.0	3962.0	3946.0	3962.5	904
FT-SE 250	Sep 96				4443.0	0
Previous open interest: 3769	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Sep 96	94.26	94.27	94.25	94.26	4879
Previous open interest: 451307	Dec 96	94.26	94.27	94.25	94.27	7351
	Mar 97	94.07	94.09	94.05	94.08	5214
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	99.29	99.31	99.29	99.29	1900
	Mar 97	99.13	99.13	99.12	99.12	777
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 96	96.84	96.84	96.82	96.83	12231
Previous open interest: 1109404	Dec 96	96.79	96.80	96.78	96.79	23318
Long Gilt	Sep 96	107-08	107-12	106-30	107-06	86407
Previous open interest: 151214	Dec 96	106-19	106-21	106-10	106-17	31033
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	121.84	121.85	121.80	121.81	1581
	Dec 96	120.52	120.52	120.33	120.34	3740
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 96	97.50	97.54	97.21	97.34	124987
Previous open interest: 235602	Dec 96	96.57	96.60	96.36	96.40	14918
Three month ECU	Sep 96	95.62	95.62	95.60	95.60	1306
Previous open interest: 29811	Dec 96	95.61	95.62	95.60	95.60	358
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 96	97.82	97.83	97.80	97.82	5538
Previous open interest: 77122	Dec 96	97.82	97.84	97.79	97.81	6314
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 96	115.61	115.73	115.21	115.32	31110
Previous open interest: 63294	Dec 96	114.74	114.84	114.51	114.61	4893

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5% Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅝ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth 5⅛ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth: 5⅛ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Interbank:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Overnight: open 5⅛, close 5⅛ .					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.32	n/a	5.41	5.43	5.95
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	4-3⅛	4⅛-4	4-3
Swiss Franc	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1½
Yen:	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $388.65-388.95 Close: $388.30-388.80 High: $388.70-389.20
Low: $387.05-387.55 AM: $388.65 PM: $388.50

Krugerrand: $387.50-390.50 (£248.50-250.50)

Platinum: $400.00 (£256.90) Silver: $5.22 (£3.345) Palladium: $125.25 (£80.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5795-2.5830	2.5801-2.5830	½-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr
Brussels	47.350-47.480	47.388-47.480	13-6pr	35-26pr
Copenhagen	8.8918-8.9055	8.8930-8.9020	1¼-1¼pr	4¼-3¾pr
Dublin	0.9802-0.9827	0.9807-0.9822	1pr-par	1-ads
Frankfurt	2.3002-2.3038	2.3002-2.3027	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr
Lisbon	235.75-236.37	235.99-236.29	¼-¼ds	¾-1ds
Madrid	194.56-194.85	194.59-194.75	24-34ds	71-88ds
Milan	2353.9-2358.4	2355.5-2358.4	6-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.1296-2.1326	2.1303-2.1324	0.33-0.28pr	0.61-0.53pr
New York	*1.5588-1.5598*	*1.5588-1.5598*	*0.055-0.035pr*	*0.08-0.05pr*
Oslo	9.9744-9.9925	9.9744-9.9925	¼-¼ds	¼-¼ds
Paris	7.8784-7.8914	7.8821-7.8887	1¼-1¼pr	3¼-3pr
Stockholm	10.289-10.302	10.289-10.301	¼-¼pr	¼-¼pr
Tokyo	168.91-169.23	168.91-169.16	¼-¼pr	2¼-2¼pr
Vienna	16.179-16.206	16.185-16.206	¼-¼pr	¼-¼pr
Zurich	1.8565-1.8596	1.8565-1.8593	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2845-1.2853
Austria	10.38-10.39
Belgium (Com)	30.47-30.42
Canada	1.3661-1.3686
Denmark	5.7060-5.7040
France	5.0594-5.0603
Germany	1.4763-1.4768
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.7325
Ireland	1.6210-1.6230
Italy	1511.20-1512.70
Japan	108.22-108.25
Malaysia	2.4940-2.4950
Netherlands	1.6550-1.6560
Norway	6.4040-6.4070
Portugal	151.40-151.50
Singapore	1.4056-1.4065
Spain	124.93-124.93
Sweden	6.6043-6.6093
Switzerland	1.1922-1.1932

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso	1.5582-1.5608
Australia dollar	1.0714-1.0738
Bahrain dinar	0.580-0.592
Brazil real	1.5755-1.5795
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7070-0.7150
Finland markka	6.9203-7.0340
Greece drachma	304.25-371.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.0534-12.0619
India rupee	55.02-55.98
Indonesia rupiah	3607.0-3675.0
Kuwait dinar KD	0.460-0.470
Malaysia ringgit	3.8881-3.8920
New Zealand dollar	2.2830-2.2855
Pakistan rupee	55.25 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5940-5.700
Singapore dollar	2.1912-2.1940
S Africa rand (com)	6.9400-7.0510
U A E dirham	5.6450-5.7640

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	1,600	Marks Spr	2,700
ASDA Gp	8,600	NatWest Bk	1,800
Abbey Nat	2,200	Nat Grid	2,300
Allied Dom	6,600	Nat Power	1,200
Argos	183	Next	895
AB Foods	322	Orange	3,000
BAA	1,700	P & O	1,700
BAT Inds	5,700	Pearson	400
BOC	672	Pilkington	4,300
BP	4,400	PowerGen	989
BSkyB	1,700	Prudential	1,700
BTR	8,900	RMC	278
BT	6,600	RTZ	3,100
Bk of Scot	2,600	Railtrack	7,300
Barclays	2,300	Rank Org	2,200
Bass	3,900	Reckitt Col	943
Blue Circle	2,300	Reuters	1,100
Boots	1,200	Reed Intl	1,500
BAe	1,200	Rentokil	1,400
BA	4,900	Reuters	842
Brit Gas	6,900	Rolls Royce	5,800
Brit Steel	4,600	Royal & Sun	3,600
Burmah Cstl	325	Ryl Bk Scot	2,500
Burton	3,600	Safeway	1,400
Cable Wire	3,700	Sainsbury	1,500
Cadbury	2,300	Schroders	13
Carlton Cms	1,300	Scot & New	2,600
Cm Union	1,300	Scot Power	3,900
Courtaulds	569	Svrn Trent	661
Dixons	904	*Shell Trans*	2,700
EMI	1,700	Stebe	981
Enterpr Oil	1,900	SmKl Bch	3,600
GKN	250	Smith Nph	577
GRE	2,000	Smiths Inds	773
GUS	698	Sthern Elec	948
Gen Acc	270	Std Chartd	1,100
Gen Elec	3,600	TI Gp	813
Glaxo Well	3,600	Tate & Lyle	1,000
Granada	1,000	Tesco	3,800
Grand Met	1,200	Thames W	1,700
Guinness	1,100	Thorn	9,700
HSBC	3,200	Tomkins	1,500
Hanson	8,600	*Unilever*	700
ICI	905	Utd Utilities	277
Kingfisher	1,100	Utd News	1,400
LASMO	1,900	Vodafone	3,200
Ladbroke	3,200	Whitbread	900
Land Secs	470	Wilms Hld	2,300
Legal & Gn	550	Wolseley	920
Lloyds TSB	8,700	Zeneca	887

WALL STREET

	Aug 28 midday	Aug 27 close
AMP Inc	38½	38½
AMR Corp	86½	86⅝
ASA	40	40½
AT & T	54	55⅛
Abbott Labs	46½	46⅝
Advanced Micro	12⅝	12⅝
Aetna Life	67⅛	67⅜
Ahmanson (H F)	25⅜	25½
Air Prod & Chem	55⅝	55¾
Airtouch Comms	29½	28
Alberto-Culver B	42⅜	42
Albertson's	42¼	42⅜
Alcan Aluminm	32	32⅜
Alex Standard	45⅛	45½
Allied Signal	63⅜	63⅝
Allstate Corp	44½	44⅝
Aluminum Co of Am	63	62⅞
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6½
Amerada Hess	51⅝	51⅞
Amer Brands	42¾	42⅞
Amer El Power	42⅜	42⅝
Amer Express	45¼	45¼
Amer Gen Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Amer Home Pr	61⅛	61⅛
Amer Intl	99	98¾
Amer Stores	41¼	40⅝
Amer Standard	50	50
Ameritech	52⅝	53⅛
Amoco	69⅞	70
Anheuser-Busch	70½	70⅝
Apple Computer	24½	24⅝
Archer Daniels	17⅞	18⅛
Armco	4¾	4⅝
Armstrong Wrld	63	63
Asarco	28⅝	28½
Atl Richfield	116⅛	116⅛
Auto Data Pro	42¼	42¼
Avery Dennison	52½	52¾
Avon Products	48⅝	48⅝
Baker Hughes	31½	30⅝
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26½
Banc One	39⅜	39⅝
BankAmerica	91½	90⅞
Bank of NY	28⅜	28⅜
Bankers Tr NY	79⅝	79⅝
Barnett Banks	65⅛	65
Bausch & Lomb	34	33⅞
Baxter Intl	43	42⅞
Becin Dickinson	61½	61½
Bell Atlantic	56½	57
Bell Industries	16½	16⅜
BellSouth	57	57⅛
Black & Decker	38	38⅜
Block (H&R)	26⅝	27
Boeing	45½	45¾
Boise Cascade	34¾	34½
Bristol Myrs Sq	87⅛	88
Browning Ferris	25⅛	26
Brunswick	21½	21½
Burlington Nthn	80	79⅝
CMS Energy Corp	30⅜	30⅜
CNA Financial	100⅛	100⅞
CPC Intl	69⅝	69⅝
CSX	50⅝	50⅝
Campbell Soup	67⅜	67⅞
Can Pacific	23½	23
Carolina Pwr	35⅛	35⅛
Caterpillar	70½	71
Central & SW	27½	27⅜
Champion Intl	44⅛	44
Chase Manhat	77⅜	77½
Chevron Corp	90⅛	90
Chrysler	49⅜	49
Chubb Corp	65½	65⅝
Cigna Corp	116⅛	117½
Cilicorp	69⅝	70
Clorox	94⅛	94⅜
Coastal Corp	40⅝	41⅛
Coca Cola	51⅛	51⅛
Coca Cola Ent	41⅛	41⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	83⅞	83⅞
Columbia Gas	69	69⅜
Columbia/HCA	37⅞	37⅞
Compaq Comp	97⅜	96⅞
Comp Ass Int	55⅝	56⅛
Conagra	43⅜	43⅜
Conrail	66	66
Cons Edison	27	27⅛
Cons Nat Gas	56½	56½
Cooper Inds	41⅞	41⅞
Coorstates	42⅜	42⅜
Corning Inc	37⅜	37⅜
Crown Cork	48⅛	48⅛
Dana Corp	29⅝	29½

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

It has to be Tunbridge

TUNBRIDGE WELLS is being touted as the true blue stronghold that may tickle Asda boss Archie Norman's political taste-buds. Now that Norman will have more time on his hands, after announcing he will stand down as chief executive of the supermarket chain, the Tunbridge Wells constituency must look welcoming. The seat fell vacant six weeks ago when Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, decided to step down, and is one of a handful still without a Tory candidate. Out of 180 applicants, a candidate is expected to be placed before the end of next month. There are, however, no Asda stores in Tunbridge Wells.

SIR David Money-Coutts, who will stand down as M&G's non-executive chairman next January, is planning to write his autobiography. As soon as David Morgan steps into his shoes, Sir David will put pen to paper; he wants to share his life at the family bank and his love of almshouses with his burgeoning family.

Entente cordiale

GILLIAN SHEPHARD, the Education and Employment Secretary, will tomorrow become the first British minister to meet his or her French opposite number in their local constituency, as opposed to political Paris. French politicians trying to cut their social costs are increasingly keen to listen to what the Government claims is Britain's success story over jobs, and Shephard — a fluent French speaker — will detail Britain's performance in talks at Le Puy, with Jacques Barrot, France's labour minister.



Smokescreen

AS IMPERIAL Tobacco is set to resume its life as an independent company after its demerger from Hanson, the directors of Enlightened Tobacco, which brought us "Death Cigarettes", are finalising a programme to lobby the European Commission. Last summer the company was banned from operating a scheme that lets smokers in Britain buy and import cigarettes from Luxembourg, without paying the UK's high rates of duty. Troubled by Enlightened's trick, Imperial Tobacco commissioned a report from Coopers & Lybrand, which states that the tax ruse could, if legal, take 40 per cent of the market, and 90 per cent in the long term, at fearful cost to the Exchequer. Strange — I can't see any reference to the report in the demerger details.

Switched on Fry

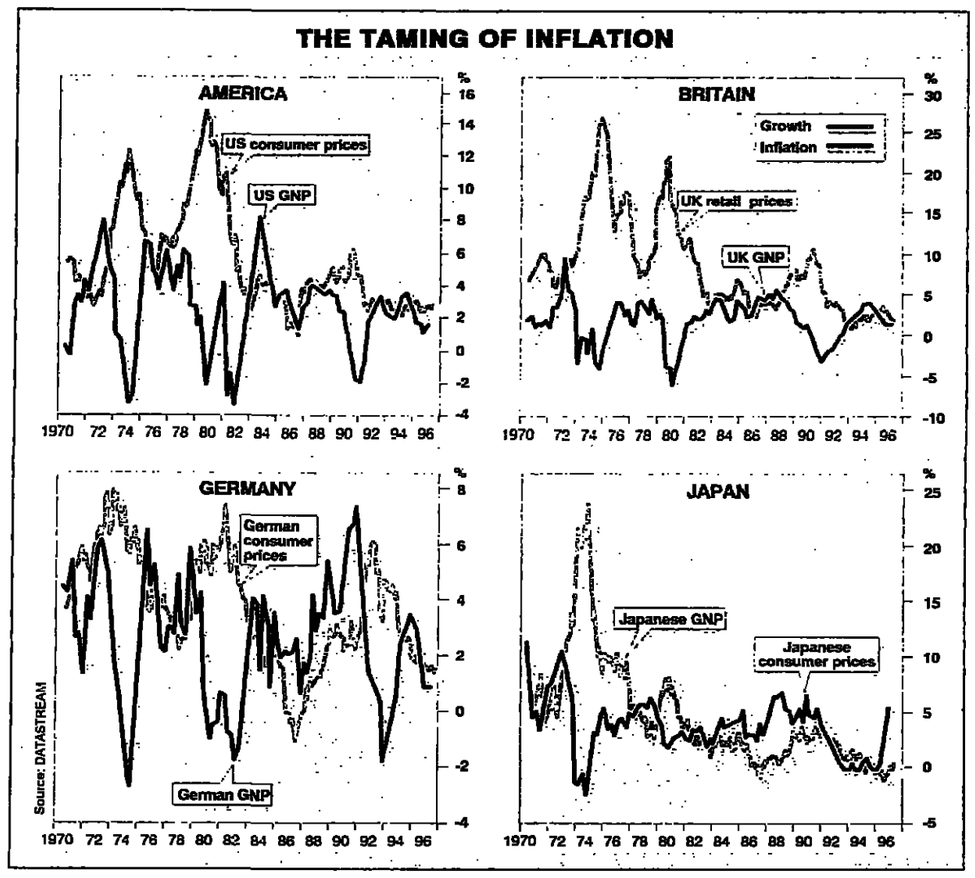
ANTHONY FRY, BZW's new corporate finance recruit, is showing his colleagues why he's seen as a star in the firmament of media finance. When Fry was invited to speak at the Edinburgh International Television Festival on the privatisation of Channel 4, there was much speculation as to whether Channel 4's Michael Grade, would also hold forth at the session. "Michael won't give up the chance to air his views," opined Fry, and offered to put his money where his mouth was. Yesterday he was back in BZW's offices, collecting his winnings.

MORAG PRESTON

ECONOMIC VIEW  JANET BUSH

Bankers are short-changing people on jobs and growth

The bond market Jeremiahs should stop exaggerating the threat posed by inflation



The world's leading central bankers convene today for their annual jolly in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Their theme is "achieving price stability". How predictable and how inappropriate.

If the publication of Japan's Tankan survey of business confidence yesterday told us anything, it is that the achievement of growth is a far more testing challenge at the moment than fighting inflation.

Reuters reported that Japanese financial markets were "stunned" by news that the Tankan survey's key measure of business optimism had fallen. Most economists surveyed by the news service had expected a rise, as had seven out of 15 think-tanks. A second useful point is illustrated — that the financial markets and many economists do not understand the current behaviour of the world economy.

The current global upswing has constantly surprised in two ways. Growth has taken longer to lift off in many countries than most observers expected and, once growth is well established and even deemed to be above-trend, there has scarcely been a hint of price pressures. This year, markets have predicted interest rate rises in America, Britain, Germany and Japan. They have fallen in Germany and Britain and stayed on hold in the US. The latest Tankan survey should now finally put to rest any thought of higher rates in Japan.

Nothing can ever be irrevocably proved in economics, but there does seem to be mounting evidence in the current cycle that economies can grow faster and for longer without igniting inflation. Roger Bootle, chief economist at Midland Bank and author of *The Death of Inflation: Surviving and Thriving in the Zero Era*, believes that the case is virtually proven in America, in recovery for five years with no signs of higher inflation, and almost proven in Britain, in recovery for four and expecting inflation to fall further.

The proposition is far harder to prove in Europe, not least because most of the continent is engaged in cutting deficits to an astonishingly tight timetable dictated by the Maastricht Treaty and the 1999 deadline for monetary union. In Japan, the after-shocks of the violent bursting of the 1980s asset price bubble are still reverberating and any longer-range economic analysis is difficult. But we do know that the Japanese economy has had four years with virtually no growth in spite of repeated fiscal packages to stimulate the economy and a depreciation in the yen. After yesterday's news, the surge in growth in the first quarter must be an aberration.

For all the accumulating evidence that the world really might have changed, some attitudes remain die-hard. Take the Bank of England. In its last *Inflation Report*, there was a long passage describing reforms to the labour market which had made it more flexible. The Bank floated the possibility that the economy may now be able to grow faster and longer, and create more jobs, before igniting inflation. But Mervyn King, the Bank's chief economist, said that the evidence was still not conclusive enough to factor it into inflation forecasting. This is caution to a fault, stemming partly from the Bank's narrow government-imposed remit to look only at inflation and not at the general well-being of the economy. Its role thus defined, it is not the Bank's job to take risks. And so it is that the Bank advocates raising interest rates at a time when manufacturing investment, according to last Friday's figures, fell for the third successive quarter to stand 4.5 per cent lower than a year ago. The Chancellor's pragmatism (and instinct for re-election) provides the necessary balance.

The situation in America is more sensible. The Fed, which has a dual role to care for both inflation and growth, is prepared — courtesy of the excellent brand of pragmatism and open-mindedness embodied in Alan Greenspan, its chairman — to acknowledge the possibility that the economy's sustainable growth rate may have risen. Even after the creation of millions of new jobs and an investment boom, Mr Greenspan is prepared to hold fire on rates, against the wishes of the inflation paranoids in the Treasury bond market, until he sees a real reason to raise them. Even the Bundesbank, which "shocked" markets with last week's aggressive 30 basis point repo cut, interprets M3 money supply flexibly and uses instinct to interpret the real economy.

Mr Bootle advocates policymakers using their eyes and ears, creeping along and seeing what happens, an approach quite at odds with that of the Bank of England. "The Bank proceeds on the assumption that there are warning signals which must be heeded and then a long, black tunnel of ignorance. At the end of two years, up pop the inflationary results," he said. But it is not necessarily the case that a single opportunity presents itself to take the right policy decision and, if that moment is not seized, dire consequences follow. Apart from anything else, it is probably true that the lag between interest rate changes and their effect on the economy has shortened considerably. In the past, this was assumed to be 18 months to two years — hence the Bank's two-year-ahead approach to forecasting inflation.

As central bankers meet in Jackson Hole, there is some evidence that they are beginning to realise that inflation may not be the threat that it was. The Fed and Bundesbank decisions can both be seen in that light. And yet the inflation Jeremiahs warn darkly that the banks are in danger of "falling behind the curve", leaving it too late, becoming complacent just when inflation is about to rear up again.

We must fervently hope that the discussions dismiss such talk. If central bankers continue to keep monetary policy pre-emptively tighter than necessary, at a time when budget deficits around the world are being cut, the proposition that inflation is dead, dormant, temporarily tamed, will not be tested because economies will not be allowed to grow enough. By continually wringing their hands over inflation, central bankers risk short-changing the world quite unnecessarily on growth, jobs and living standards.

If anything, the evidence is of intensifying price competition, an exponential increase in disinflation. BBC Radio yesterday carried an item examining what was described as the demise of the East Asian miracle as the Tigers fight ever more viciously among themselves for business. Global competition has become one of those impenetrable clichés used by politicians and economists, but not even those paid to analyse such things have woken up to its sweep and significance. Financial markets are still pitching bond yields far higher than they probably ought because they are stuck in an old mind-set. Central bankers continue to be obsessed with the demand side. In Britain, the assumption is that if consumers are flooding the shops again, so inflation will follow. The economic facts — for example, that 19 out of 27 industrialised countries under the umbrella of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development have inflation under 3 per cent — are ignored because of fear based on past experience.

It is not just price competition in goods markets that is now so entrenched. There is intense monetary competition, too. By crying wolf about inflation, the bond markets underestimate the total dominance of the economic orthodoxy espoused by the OECD and the International Monetary Fund among others.

We have all been taught that it is wrong to grow through debasing one's currency. Emerging economies are floating their currencies and fighting to hold them at a strong level because they have been told that a weak currency is the clearest symbol of basket case status. A developing country cannot afford to think otherwise. Without the IMF's seal of approval, the economy gets no soft loans, no credit rating from Standard & Poor's and Moody's, no foreign capital to help it grow.

It is hard to imagine rampant inflation when everyone is pursuing the goal of firm currencies. It is also hard to see how the world can fulfil its growth potential. The monetarist orthodoxy has always argued that low inflation in and of itself would unleash the dynamism of the world economy, but the evidence suggests the opposite. Average growth in the industrialised world has been 2 per cent in the Nineties compared with more than 3 per cent in the Eighties and more than 4 per cent in the Seventies. Surely that would be worthy of discussion in Wyoming this weekend?

An uphill fight to bring back the good times at WH Smith

Sarah Cunningham looks at moves to revive the fortunes of a household name

WH Smith has been around so long that customers have tended to take for granted its presence on the high street, at train stations and at airports. What is worse, the group has been guilty of taking its customers for granted.

The job of Bill Cockburn, chief executive since January, is to see that both sides' attitudes are changed. It is an uphill task and he admits that it is likely to take four years before the core WH Smith retail operations are fully recovered.

So far, the work he has done on restructuring the group has pushed it into the biggest deficit in its 204-year history, the company confirmed yesterday, with a full-year, pre-tax loss of £195 million after exceptionals. It took no one by surprise because the company had given a warning about heavy exceptional charges in June. But the amount of time that will probably be needed to sort out Smith's retailing problems is still a worry to some analysts.

The Waterstone's and Virgin Our Price subsidiaries both made an operating profit last year; it is the 549 WH Smith shops that are the problem. Their operating profit was down 27 per cent, from £65 million to £47.6 million, and like-for-like sales rose just 2 per cent.

Moreover, while most retailers have said that sales have been healthy this summer, WH Smith group sales since the June 1 year-end have been "patchy", Mr Cockburn said. An unsentimental Scot who worked his way up through the ranks to run the Post Office, Mr Cockburn has already put Smith's through a tumultuous year.

In June, WH Smith paid Boots £63.5 million to take on its 50 per cent share in Do It All, the loss-making DIY chain. It also sold Paperchase to a management buyout team. Other disposals include the sale of WH Smith's business supplies group to Guibert, the French office supplies company, in April, and, earlier this month, it sold Heathcote Books, the book wholesaling subsidiary, to John Menzies.

The group has cut 1,100 jobs and WH Smith retail is also busy slashing its range of goods on sale. It has removed 9,500 lines of books — 34 per cent of the range — and half its range of videos so that it now sells just 1,700. Altogether, 29 per cent of lines have been removed from the shelves, freeing up 10 per cent of shop space. This is the equivalent, Mr Cockburn says, to having 50 new shops.

The challenge now is to decide exactly what to put into that space and to find a way of persuading the 38 per cent of customers who just browse to actually buy something, and those who buy to spend more than the current average of £5.

As if to confirm the break with the old-style WH Smith, last month Philip Smith stepped down as a non-executive director of the group, leaving it without a family board member for the first time.

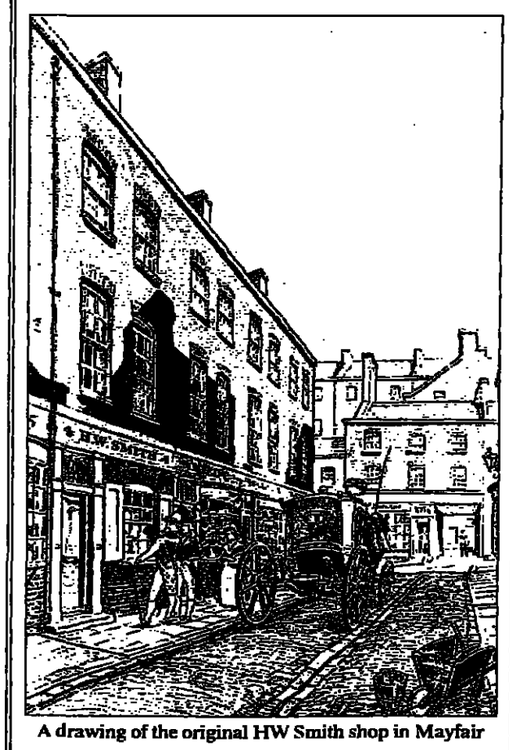
Philip Smith, a nephew of David Smith, who led the group at the time of its 1964 flotation, was a non-executive director for nine years.

He is a descendant of Henry Walton Smith, who, with his wife Anna, set up the original newspaper shop — HW Smith — in Mayfair, near Grosvenor Square, in 1792. The company's initials were later changed to those of William Henry, one of HW's sons.

It was William who built up the newspaper distribution side. Then, in 1860, the group diversified into running lending libraries on station platforms and by the turn of the 19th century had built up a network of some 1,240 bookstalls. It had become recognisable as the WH Smith of today.

In January, Mr Cockburn was highly critical of WH Smith. There was "a culture of excuses, a culture of complacency and a culture of explaining why we haven't done what we said we would do", he said.

He now says that "the scene is set for a major improvement. We've cleared the decks." If he turns out to be wrong, he has not left himself much room for making excuses.


A drawing of the original HW Smith shop in Mayfair

BUSINESS LETTERS

Damage from windfarms

From Mr Michael Hird

Sir, The executive director of the British Wind Energy Association (Letters, August 22) is concerned that wind energy is losing its privileged position as a perceived environmental benefit. Indeed, more and more schemes are being rejected in the UK and the energy industry itself seems to be losing interest. In the USA, windfarm development has gone into reverse and the Worldwatch Institute in Washington has observed that the industry there has virtually collapsed.

The reason is that people are realising that windfarms create more environmental damage than they save. This was laid out clearly in an excellent article by Simon Jenkins (May 4). Briefly, windfarms are inefficient, they damage wildlife, creat unacceptable noise in otherwise quiet places and require huge groundworks in the form of deep concrete bases and roadways. They also create visual pollution, which damages tourism of the kind these remote areas badly need.

Yours sincerely,
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Beaconsfield,
Buckinghamshire.

Market will do more for electricity prices than MMC

From Mr David Porter

Sir, The regional electricity consumers' committees want the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) to break up the UK's two biggest generating companies, National Power and PowerGen ("Consumers want power breakup", *The Times*, August 21).

At the request of the regulator, those two companies have reduced their market share by selling several power stations to a competitor. The alternative offered to them by the regulator was a reference to the MMC.

Last year, when they each wanted to buy a distribution business, they nevertheless found themselves referred to the MMC. The MMC reported in their favour. Now, despite a marked growth in competition, the consumers' committees want another reference to the MMC.

When all customers are free to choose their electricity supplier, even more competitive pressure will work its way through to producers' prices. This should happen in 1998 or soon afterwards and it makes more sense than dragging two successful generating companies through yet another MMC inquiry.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PORTER
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41 Whitehall, SW1.

Airline competition

From Mr J. S. Fenwick

Sir, Pennington (August 22) exposed the arrogance of the Civil Aviation Authority towards holidaymakers using cheap charter flights in its suggestion that the public gets what it pays for.

As a businessman who travels throughout the world, it is evident to me that the present air pricing system is nothing further than a carefully organised cartel to exploit business travellers.

If I fly on business in a scheduled aircraft to Basle or Bologna, for example, I am expected to pay close on £500; fares on a reputable charter flight cost around £150 to £200.

Why are scheduled flights over 100 per cent more expensive? I can only conclude that this is because the major airlines have successfully cornered the majority of slots available, and, in so doing, exclude more entrepreneurs from entering the business.

I believe Richard Branson is right in opposing the merger of BA and American Airlines as this is a way of reducing competition to maintain the status quo.

Subtle price fixing in the UK and, for that matter, in the rest of Europe is the norm. It is time that we followed our American friends and indulged in some free competition.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. FENWICK,
New Cottage, Babylon Lane,
Lower Kingswood, Surrey.

Market for milk

From Mr Brian Walsh

Sir, So milk prices are to fall when demand is low. Conversely, milk prices will rise when demand is high.

If the industry is interested, the way to increase the demand is to increase the quality. We are fortunate in that we can purchase locally produced and packaged milk that is fresh and wholesome.

Others, both locally and elsewhere, seem to be satisfied, more or less, with the disgusting white liquid masquerading as milk.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN WALSH,
Church Farm,
Garton-on-the-Wolds,
Yorkshire.

End to a tiresome 'boring' story

From the Director-General and Secretary, The Institution of Civil Engineers

Sir, Now that it's officially accepted that civil engineers are no longer "Boring" (City Diary, August 22) may I just round off the tiresome but humorous story with the real definition of civil engineers.

Brilliant
Original
Resourceful
Intelligent
Numerate and
GREAT

Civil engineers are responsible for the muscle and sinews that hold society together. I challenge anyone to use the term boring again.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER DOBSON,
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Simon Bevan on the trail of the low-profile fraudsters

Skeleton in the cupboard

Despite high-profile City frauds and bankruptcies, *procurement fraud* was the biggest in the commercial field in the Seventies and Eighties, and it will continue to be the largest threat well into the next century.

The average organisation is likely to be suffering significant losses from procurement fraud, where too much is paid for goods and services. Often, such fraud is instigated by a company's own employees. Most procurement frauds are unpublicised because the organisation is either not aware that it has been perpetrated or wants to keep it out of the press, and uninvestigated because it does not know that in many cases losses can be recovered.

Arthur Andersen's Fraud Services Unit has investigated more than 50 procurement frauds, with sums at risk ranging from £500,000 to £100 million. It has assisted with successful prosecutions in both the criminal and civil courts. A successful criminal prosecution may lead to the imprisonment of the perpetrator; a successful civil prosecution is financial recovery for the company.

A popular target for the procurement fraudster is the provision of services that have no tangible



Bevan: calls for vigilance

product, such as consultancy and recruitment fees, where it is very difficult to show what was provided or its true worth.

There are a number of common weaknesses that enable the procurement fraudster to succeed:

☐ **Lack of segregation of duties.** The fraudster may set up a fictitious company and enter into a contract for the supply of computer software. In a poorly controlled organisation where each employee has multiple responsibilities, the fraudster may be responsible for contract negotiation, receiving the software and authorising the subsequent invoices. The fraudster can arrange payment for goods that have never been supplied or may have been at an excessive cost.

☐ **Failure to obtain and file an appropriate number of quotes or requests to tender in accordance with laid-down procedures.** Contracts for the supply of goods or services above certain values should be awarded only after an organisation has obtained at least three quotes. If an organisation fails to obtain sufficient quotes, it will never know whether it has agreed to a fair price. Without such controls, the fraudster can manipulate the contract-awarding process.

☐ **Failure to issue a detailed policy document to those members of an organisation who have authority to initiate and approve expenditure.** This document should lay down clear guidelines on the use of friends and relatives as suppliers. The document should also set out clearly the steps that an organisation will take if it finds any member of staff has failed to comply with the guidelines.

It is often very difficult to identify the payment or kickback from the supplier to the member of staff. The payment may be made away from the workplace and in many cases it may not be in cash — for example, the free use of a villa in Portugal. Even if the payments are cash, they rarely go into UK bank accounts.

The size of the kickback usually bears little relation to the loss suffered by the company. A member of staff who awards a significant contract to a friend or relative may only receive a holiday in return. How do you ensure that the contract awarded is the best for the organisation? There are a number of warning signs that may indicate further investigation is required: no evidence of a tender; uncommercial bids; the reappearance of contractors that have previously been removed from the tender list; companies that "misunderstood" the tender requirements and are permitted to submit a further bid; companies invited to tender that do not submit a bid.

Procurement fraud is like any other business risk: it cannot be eradicated, but it can be mitigated with a well-planned campaign.

The author is head of Arthur Andersen's Fraud Services Unit.

Scottish angle on principles



AUDIT

ROBERT BRUCE

THE arguments over whether rules or judgment should be the underlying basis for financial reporting are as old as the accounting hills. But with an Accounting Standards Board (ASB) still working away on a *Statement of Principles*, the arguments are as current as ever.

The publication of a book to celebrate the 90th birthday of Will Baxter, Professor Emeritus at the *LSE*, throws interesting light on the whole saga. Not least in the fact that in reprinting Baxter's inaugural lecture dating from December 1947 at the LSE it brings home to those youngsters currently battling away over statements of principles that much of what they are fighting over was ever thus.

But the book also brings into view the particularly Scottish dimension of the argument. It should come as no surprise that the best-known current protagonists in Sir David Tweedie, at the helm of the ASB, and Ron Paterson, at Ernst & Young, are Scots. In one of the essays in the book, Professor Geoff Whittington makes the point clear.

He quotes Arthur Morison, a veteran of the greatest of the Scottish firms, Thomson McLintock, writing in 1970. "The power of free and rational argument remains. I am old-fashioned enough to believe, the best road to truth in human affairs. I would therefore give companies the maximum freedom to present their accounts in whatever way they thought fit, and would then require them to explain and justify the course they had taken. The auditor's task — no light one — would be to ensure that they did. And to see that they did it fairly."

Professor Whittington says: "It may be no coincidence that William Baxter and Arthur Morison were both trained as Scottish chartered accountants. The tradition of the Scottish profession has always been to lay great stress on the importance of independent professional judgment, and the importance of education in equipping professionals for that responsibility."

He goes on to cite examples of Scottish accountants who ran careers in practice, as presidents of their institute and as university professors, before making the point that this is "an unheard of combination in England".

But Professor Whittington continues: "Unfortunately the English way has tended to prevail in recent years and has, in many respects, followed the American way. Accounting and auditing are now big business, and practitioners crave standards."

The Scottish trait of revering the finely honed instincts and judgments of a highly educated accountant is thoroughly praiseworthy. But in a world where, unlike even Scottish business circles now, people do not know each other well, the reality starts to fall apart.

The trick, in the end, will be to balance the use of judgment with the use of rules. Good accountants will manage both. As Baxter said in 1953: "A group of men who resign their hard problems to others must eventually give up all claim to be a learned profession." *Essays in Accounting Thought: A Tribute to W. T. Baxter* (Scots ICA, £8).

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	464½	-11	4.3	17.6
625	500	Bolmes (HP)I	585½		5.8	19.6
131	96	Bore Chivas	99		5.8	23.5
775	615	Glenmorangie A	775		5.3	15.9
483	411	Grand Metr	475½	-2	5.5	20.3
495	415	Guinness	469½	-7	4.9	17
378	315	Highland Dist	357½	-2	5.8	16.8
195	150	Macallan-Glen	158		7.6	16.7
693	606	Matthew (Sam)	680	-11	4.5	17.4
141	83	Morgan Grn	125		4.6	11.7
761½	1606½	SA Breweries	1658		2.1	21

BANKS

3716½	2743½	ABN AMRO L	3575	-10½	4.1	11.6
543	378	Abbey Nat	540½		4.6	11.3
1086	815	Allied Irish	964	-1	5.8	10.4
343	286	Bco Ntnr 2	342		5.4	8.4
5443½	3843½	Bank Montreal	5381½			
316	227½	Bank Scotland	302½	-1	3.4	10.9
824	653	Barclays	813	-4½	3.6	10.8
486	413	Bk of Ireland	472½		4.3	10.8
485	378	Cabt Allen	417½		5.9	12.4
5669p	4851½	Canada	5617½			
392	318	Close Bros	368		3.3	15.1
11570½	8141½	Commerzbk	11493½	-349½	3.5	
1358	1065½	Dai Ichi Kan	1093½	-214½	3.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3393½	-99½	4.4	
880½	597½	Dresdn Bank	863½		4.4	11.8
1527	1165½	Fst Sun Y	1152½	-22½	0.4	
672	537	Genzel Kld	537½		6.5	10.4
686	196	Hambros	686	-5	3.5	
1124	931	HSBC	1124½	-6	4.1	11.9
1143	930	HSBC Hld	1130½	-4½	4.2	11.7
429	385	Irish Perm	429		4.4	13.6
222	165	Kwg Shausn	187		6.7	12.5
458	405	Leopold Jt	447½		5.4	15.2
3841½	2945½	Lloyds TSB	3809½	-5	3.9	16.1
653	566	Nat Aust Bk	645		6.3	8.2
711	605½	Nat Westy	680	-7½	4.9	9.7
66	49½	Rea Brothers	63		4.5	19.6
590	468	Rgl Bk Scot	563	-1½	4.5	11.1
1198	1185	Schroders	1185	-5	1.5	19.3
1178	870	Schroders N/V	1092½		1.7	19.2
150	99	Singer & Fried	125½		4.8	10.4
726	547	Stand Chartd	716	-11½	2.1	13.8
78	61½	Union	1011		3.7	10.9
5174½	3101½	Wells Fargo	5164½			
329½	264	Westpac	314½	-3½	4.5	9.6
340	268	Wstmst	267½		4.2	17.5

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

90	56	Acorn Inv Inc	62		5.6	
287	253	Allied Hldgs	253½	-1½	5.9	12.6
844	707	Bass	844		4.3	15.5
70	50	Bs Inv Inc Rdr	50		4.2	
177	101	Burtons Grp	169½		4.1	15.2
1284½	97	Ldy Centre Rest	121	-2½	0.7	
941	862	Compass Gp	933½	-7½	1.8	25.6
347	179	Eldridge P &	325½		2.1	17.9
540	445	Fuller Sm A	497½	-1	3.1	17.6
734	546	Greenall Gp	670½	-1	3.1	11.6
6671	5676	Greene King'A'	619	-4	3.1	15.5
1980	1780	Grt Univ Strs	1906		3.5	21.1
1168	904	Gregory Hldg	1168		3.4	11.2
1652	1299	Hanly Hanna	1300	+6	4.2	11.2
3475	3031½	Hstl J	3031½		2.3	16.5
72	45	Inn Business	64½	-2	1.6	31.3
355	312	Marchwd	312		2.4	16.3
3521½	2756	Mitchn Hmp	3290		3.1	11.9
673	535	Morland	671	-1½	2.6	17.3
154	118	Ufy Hotels Trust	149½		2.5	14.8
	74½	Paramount	6		4.6	9.6
170	123	Pubcon Grp	169½	-1	1.6	23.2
442½	217	PizzaExpress	447½		0.6	29.8
438	245	Rancotors (Hl	395	-2½	1.6	42.2
2556	1389½	Regent Inns	1939½	-6	0.9	35.1
1070	607	Scott & Newcl	678½	-8	3.6	24.6
765	2037½	Tom Cobleigh	3037½		1.3	25.6
313	266	Vaux Group	281	-5	4.6	14.5
1058	640	Wetherspoon JD	965	-2½	1.1	33.3
2568	672	Whitbread	2727½	-3	3.8	15.7
1678	1468	Wolverhmpn D	1604		3.3	13.8
4007	2927	Yates Brasl	3655½		2.9	15.1
660	435	Young A	647½		2.9	25.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

33	15	AAF Inds	24	-1½		
180	135	Abbeyt	175		4.1	16.1
256	213½	Allen	252½	-3	2.9	19.1
671	487	Amec	665	-6	1.3	39.2
498	233	Andrews Sykes	466	+13½	1.1	24.2
357	157	Ashtead	336½	-6	1.7	19
38	26	Automatic	33	-3½		
34	24	Bailey (Ben) Con	33		4.8	13.2
64	34	Barcrft	52½	-½	1.7	17
281	219	Bassett Dws	262½	-1½	3.7	16.2
2162	1562	Beazer Homes	1955½	-7½	4.0	15.0
344	249	Bellway	332½	-2½	2.9	16.5
21	16½	Bellwinch	17			
620	483	Berkeley Gp	584½		1.8	16.8
173	133	Bett Bros	157½		4.3	6.7
179	116	Bovis (Henry)	170		4.1	10.9
133	91	Brandon Hire	124½		2.4	17.1
30	19	Britannia Grp	29½		6.8	24.6
54	31	Br Bldg & Eng	48			
135	104	Bryant	129		4.9	15.6
108	86	CALA	105½		3.9	11.5
20	10	Campbell & Arm'd	10½			8.3
59	37	Clarke TI	56½		9.8	
103	39	Costain	67	-½		
87	59	Countrywide	63		5.6	18.1
85	54½	Crest Nicholson	68½		3.6	18.1
88	69½	Cussins	69½		7.0	11.3
220	118	Ewe Group	140		0.9	
23	15	Galliford	20		6.2	43.3
863	723	Glennon (MJ)	837½		2.3	15.5
61	46	Green (Edwd)	46½		7.3	
379	265	Havelock Euro	365½	+1	1.2	27.1
163	119	Hawtin-Stuart	125	-½	2.9	14.3
162	78	Higgs & Hill	80½		3.9	
18	12	Howard Hldgs	19		5.5	
352	259	Ibstock	300	+½	4.2	11.2
3475	3031½	Hstl J	3031½		2.3	16.5
72	45	Inn Business	64½	-2	1.6	31.3
355	312	Marchwd	312		2.4	16.3
3521½	2756	Mitchn Hmp	3290		3.1	11.9
673	535	Morland	671	-1½	2.6	17.3
154	118	Ufy Hotels Trust	149½		2.5	14.8
	74	Paramount	6		4.6	9.6
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442½	217	PizzaExpress	447½		0.6	29.8
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4007	2927	Yates Brasl	3655½		2.9	15.1
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BUILDING MATERIALS

15	5½	Allingtn#	6		3.6	
376	264	BPB Ind	366½	-6	3.3	18.2
124	97	Baggeridge Bk	113½		3.4	21.8
45	31	Bardon	34½		7.2	15.3
65	46	Blockleys	46½			
393	322	Blue Circle	386½	-4	4.0	15.3
97	77	Brewin Plc	93½		6.5	15.3
130	108	Br Dredging	124		5.6	14.3
673	473	CRH	649	+16	1.0	20.7
87	57	Caledonian Rty	85		7.0	10.0
173	140	Cape	155		8.9	11.1
247	195½	Caradon	227	+3	5.2	22.5
127	106	Caradon Pf	114½		6.6	
50	19	Chandler Grp	44½		4.2	21.9
215	158	Dyson (JS)A	202½		2.8	
93	70	Dyson A'1	87½		2.6	
238	200	Ecwin	213½		5.3	15.9
183½	121½	Flare	140½			16.5
82	58	Gibbs & Dandy	63½	-3	5.6	8.4
209	131½	Graham Grp	165		4.6	16.6
406	356½	Halstead (J)	356½	-2	3.1	15.6
321	253	Hepworth	278½	+1½	6.7	13.5
86	76	Hoardstn	82½	-3	3.7	13.6
251	215	Hpwd Wm	218		7.8	11.9
79	60	Ibstock	66		3.8	9.2
500	395	Johnson	475		2.9	12.3
88	65	Lilleshall	70½		4.3	16.1
153	111	Marley	126	+1	4.8	16.1
184	131½	Marshalls	131½		4.9	11.5
471	349	Meyer Int	425	-1	3.4	36.3
149	113	Newman Tnks	115		7.5	13.5
98	72	Nthcrns Trdg	86½	+3		60.3
26	18	Phoenix Timber	22		11	
229	175	Pilkington	203	+3	3.1	11.8
266	174½	Polypipe	238	-½	3.7	18.3
17.39p	1008	RMC Gp	1173½	-8½	3.5	14.4
452	350	Redland	450	-3½	4.6	17.2
123	84½	Rocket	109	+1	5.5	10.2
153	87½	Rohrerstd	105½		7.2	10.1
149	102	Rugby Group	140½	-2	4.3	10.7
321	251	Russell (A)	313		3.0	16.0
356	196	SIG	355	+2½	3.2	12.7
4p	3	SWP	3½	-½		
204	156	Sharpe & Fisher	203	-1	3.2	16.7
27	12½	Spring Ram	14½	+½		
230	175	Sthamptne Hldgs	218½		4.5	17.9
136	98	Tarmac	102	+½	6.7	16.7
147	97	Tilbn	109		6.0	10.9
458	350	Tomkns Perkins	452	-1	4.2	11.7
40	25½	Tudor	26½		4.7	12.0
489	415	Wimpey	460	+4½	2.7	15.9

CHEMICALS

193½	156	Albright & Wil	192	-5½	4.2	16.3
139	113	Allied Colloids	133		2.9	21.5
210	150	Anglo Ind	195½		4.7	10.8
105	86	Ansbacher Grl	88		2.9	21.0
1883½	1443½	BASF Dtd	1762½		3.4	
949	841	BOC	877½	-1	3.8	15.6
310	258	BTP	287½		4.7	16.4
23344	17169	Bayer DM50	22044½	+36½	2.6	
112	95	Bond Chems	98	+½	4.6	27.6
225	185	Bk Wls	201	-1½	4.5	16.1
261	192	Canning (W)	254		3.9	16.4
460	401	Cnsmastic	443	+1½	3.5	17.5
351	294	Crode	313	+5	3.7	15.1
2500	2004	Doeller	2433½	-1	3.2	15.0
305	246	Elks & Everard	274	-1	4.2	13.7
94	67	Euro Colour	80	-½	3.4	15.8
197	119	Gibbon	127½		4.9	8.2
32	27	Hickson	30	+½	3.6	21.2
2381½	1750	Hoechst	2206½			25
166	105	Holliday Chem	142½			19.8
958	738	ICI	869	-7½	4.6	20.1
388	189½	Imperial	309	-7½	4.6	10.1
147	111	Kalon	124½	-9	5.3	
782	649	Laporte	742½	+2½	3.5	17.9
335	217	Marshalls	218½		6.6	10.0
100	76	Mettalum	91		2.5	12.5
37	26	Metsetrol	31		2.8	12.5
432	291½	Pennwl	294½	-1½	3.4	19.7
253	221	Scapa	251		3.3	14.3
34	26	Sndhlm Speclt	30½		3.0	11.8
1165½	922½	Lmdn Chem	1104½	-12½	0.8	15.8
1133	788	Wrkshire H	820		5.3	17.6
396	230	Yorks Chem	256½	+1½	2.7	18.6
369	305	Yule Cato	326½		3.2	16.6

DISTRIBUTORS

171	85½	ABI Lee	85½		6.4	10.2
465	366	Adam & Harvey	367½		6.5	6.7
18	14	Alexanders	17½		2.4	
113	79	Apsleygrd	92½	+1½	6.4	10.6
3	2	Ass Br Engt	3½		2.1	
638	505	BSS Group	597½	+2½	4.3	16.5
58	22½	Bandl	23		4.3	13.5
25	16	Blenkg Proce	23½		6.7	16.6
65	43	Bogod A'I	44½		11	14.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	406	Bunzl	551½	-1	4.2	17.2
209	18	Bridport Gp	76	-1	1.0	
113	76	Brit Vita	101	-½	4.5	13.7
298	248	Ladbrk	276		5.8	22.6
168	105	Cambrdge	149½		3.4	9.4
18½	7½	Chester Cable	9½		5.0	12.4
78	54½	Cons (DC)	67		4.7	8.6
4744½	2615	Coats Vi	3270½	-49½	3.6	17.8
175	139½	Dig Mouse	140	-½	5.9	9.7
163	139½	Hargreave Hld	139½	-1	5.9	14.3
1675	1375	Hepworth	1675	-5	4.5	12.6
1968	1595	Ingleton	1968		3.4	13.8
1698	1375	Laporte	1698		3.4	13.8
1141	931	Lucas Ind	1141		3.4	13.8
1743	1400	Lucas VT	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Lucas Var	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Meggitt	1183		3.4	13.8
1000	800	Smiths Ind	1000		3.4	13.8
1141	931	TI Group	1141		3.4	13.8
1743	1400	Tomkins	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Tomkins A	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Tomkins B	1183		3.4	13.8
1000	800	Tomkins C	1000		3.4	13.8
1141	931	Tomkins D	1141		3.4	13.8
1743	1400	Tomkins E	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Tomkins F	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Tomkins G	1183		3.4	13.8
1000	800	Tomkins H	1000		3.4	13.8
1141	931	Tomkins I	1141		3.4	13.8
1743	1400	Tomkins J	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Tomkins K	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Tomkins L	1183		3.4	13.8
1000	800	Tomkins M	1000		3.4	13.8
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1743	1400	Tomkins O	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Tomkins P	1454		3.4	13.8
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1000	800	Tomkins R	1000		3.4	13.8
1141	931	Tomkins S	1141		3.4	13.8
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1454	1205	Tomkins U	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Tomkins V	1183		3.4	13.8
1000	800	Tomkins W	1000		3.4	13.8
1141	931	Tomkins X	1141		3.4	13.8
1743	1400	Tomkins Y	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Tomkins Z	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Tomkins AA	1183		3.4	13.8
1000	800	Tomkins AB	1000		3.4	13.8
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1454	1205	Tomkins AE	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Tomkins AF	1183		3.4	13.8
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1141	931	Tomkins AH	1141		3.4	13.8
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1141	931	Tomkins AM	1141		3.4	13.8
1743	1400	Tomkins AN	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Tomkins AO	1454		3.4	13.8
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1141	931	Tomkins AR	1141		3.4	13.8
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1183	1000	Tomkins FF	1183		3.4	13.8
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1141	931	Tomkins FH	1141		3.4	13.8
1743	1400	Tomkins FI	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Tomkins FJ	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Tomkins FK	1183		3.4	13.8
1000	800	Tomkins FL	1000		3.4	13.8
1141	931	Tomkins FM	1141		3.4	13.8
1743	1400	Tomkins FN	1743		3.4	13.8
1454	1205	Tomkins FO	1454		3.4	13.8
1183	1000	Tomkins FP	1183		3.4	13.8
1000	800	Tomkins FQ	1000		3.4	13.8

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
01895 256 763

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Grolund Acc	217.00	229.90	+ 1.70	0.14
Grolund Equity	283.10	301.20	+ 0.70	1.83
Grolund Euro	271.80	292.80†	+ 1.60	0.57
Grolund Expt Inc	133.10	137.90†	...	2.89
Grolund Fat	75.03	77.51†	- 0.02	6.46
Grolund Japan	171.00	181.00	- 2.10	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
01203 553 231

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	671.50	714.40	+ 0.70	2.44
General Inc	570.50	607.00	+ 0.60	2.44
UK Growth Acc	458.90	488.30	+ 0.90	2.62
UK Growth Inc	391.20	329.50	+ 0.50	2.82
Higher Inc Acc	804.50	855.90	+ 2.30	4.07
Higher Inc Inc	438.90	467.00	+ 1.30	4.07
Gilts/Fixd Int Acc	210.50	222.30	- 0.10	5.75
Gilts/Fixd Int Inc	94.50	99.81	- 0.07	5.75
Nth America	388.60	382.30	+ 3.50	...
Europe	382.20	385.40	+ 0.20	0.32
Ent Excell	91.64	96.86	+ 0.15	2.79
Ent Fedrnts Acc	115.20	122.60	+ 0.30	4.67
Ent Fedrnts Inc	78.94	83.98	+ 0.21	4.67
Global Opps	104.20	110.90	-	0.05
Balanced Acc	89.50	97.85	+ 0.06	2.68
Balanced Inc	80.16	84.09	+ 0.05	2.68
Japan Acc	45.82	48.85	- 0.50	...
Pac Basin Acc	467.40	433.50	+ 1.90	0.97

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilts & Fixed Int	129.90	137.80	- 0.20	7.08
High Inc Equity	184.60	197.40†	...	4.37
Worldwide Bond	285.70	303.00†	- 0.10	4.85
American Growth	288.90	304.80	+ 2.80	0.32
Asian Pacific	326.10	350.90	+ 1.10	0.04
Assets & Earnings	307.10	326.40	...	2.76
Euro Capital Acc	186.10	199.05	+ ...	0.50
Extra Inc	43.57	46.36†	+ 0.05	7.73
General	281.10	299.00†	+ 0.80	2.93
Global Opps	68.63	73.02†	+ 0.11	0.55
Japan	119.60	127.30	...	...
Managed Inc	48.36	51.45†	+ 0.04	4.66
Mastertrust	166.90	180.80	+ 0.40	7.01
US Emerging Cos	206.30	219.50	+ 1.70	...
Ethical	82.44	87.70	+ 0.23	2.43
International	138.40	147.20	+ 0.10	0.29
Dividend & Growth	68.69	73.07†	+ 0.20	4.20
Global Optns & Sec	73.21	78.20	...	2.34
Latin America	64.65	68.80	+ 0.71	...
Pacific	85.05	89.30	+ 0.24	0.28
Property Shares	70.91	74.43†	+ 0.27	2.36
UK Emerging Cos	71.39	75.94†	+ 0.10	1.21
UK Growth	54.12	57.13	+ 0.05	2.65
Abbey World Pool #	82.78	84.48	+ 0.15	1.86
Ethical	77.66	80.76	+ 0.21	2.19
Aberdeen Gilt Inc. #	51.01	51.01	+ 0.04	7.35

For AEGON see Matthews

AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0171 256 5888

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Retail Property #	97.11	104.20	.	5.08

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
01452 505 958

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Asnvy Income	92.36	97.98	+ 0.24	2.25
Income Builder Inc	81.39	85.58	+ 0.09	4.26

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
IFA dlg: 01763 610 366 Client dlg: 01763 514 514

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	287.70	307.50	+ 1.60	3.02
Capital	306.40	341.30	+ 2.20	1.16
Balanced	1030.70	1091.70	+ 5.40	2.34
Accumulator	1535.00	1705.00†	+ 7.00	1.83
Income Trusts				
American Income	60.52	64.60†	- 0.08	2.47
High Income	463.80	495.40	+ 2.20	3.82
Equity Income	258.30	276.10	+ 1.30	4.07
High Yield	280.00	299.30	+ 1.40	4.01
Gilt Securities	34.10	36.00	- 0.02	6.97
International Trusts				
Asia Spec Sits	208.90	223.00	+ 0.70	0.05
European Growth	54.56	58.60†	+ 0.13	0.07
International	190.20	203.30†	+ 0.20	0.11
Japan	204.40	218.50	- 3.80	...
Pacific	418.40	447.20	- 0.90	...
Secs of America	574.20	611.50	+ 0.50	0.13
Whole Asset Val	56.67	60.59†	- 0.08	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	639.50	683.60	+ 3.30	2.00
Core & Gilt	49.12	52.50†	+ 0.05	4.13
Smaller Cos	210.20	224.80†	- 0.40	0.99
2nd Smaller Cos	200.30	214.10	- 0.40	0.86
Recovery	171.10	182.90†	+ 0.50	1.54
Mkt Min & Cstly	170.40	181.70	- 0.20	0.17
Gross Earnings	425.20	454.50	+ 1.80	1.07
Technology	221.30	236.60	+ 0.40	...
UK Special Sits	577.40	617.20†	+ 1.00	1.01

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01203 526 911

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cnlrctd Out Pens	118.00	122.50	.	3.04
Foundtn Prest Pens	70.28	73.01	.	1.44

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 600 0033

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital	83.76	88.11†	+ 0.28	1.32
International	68.88	73.38†	- 0.41	..

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	341.40	364.10	+ 5.60	...
Bond	116.80	122.90†	- 0.30	6.76
Brit Smlr Cos	121.20	128.90	.	1.76
Core & Exst #	70.27	74.75†	+ 0.09	5.25
Europe	288.90	306.70	+ 0.70	0.58
Euro Smlr Cos	137.10	134.90	+ 0.50	0.58
Income Gwth	371.70	397.60	+ 1.80	4.73
Japan	319.60	339.50	- 3.20	...
Latin American	84.21	89.63	+ 0.96	1.04
Pacific	115.30	122.70	+ 0.10	1.25
UK Smlr Cos	59.69	63.70	+ 0.03	1.25
Japan Fd	888.90	888.90	- 8.70	...
Mngd Fd	304.30	317.00	+ 3.80	2.77

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 488 8673

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Overs	367.80	388.80	.	0.91
Capital Gwth	128.30	135.70	.	2.44
Weldy Opps	220.30	233.00	.	0.89

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
01481 534 5544

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inc Fd Inc	431.60	449.60	+ 1.70	2.49
European Bd Inc	95.79	99.15†	+ 0.02	6.78
Exempt	83.22	86.70	+ 0.27	2.89
500	513.50	560.70†	+ 1.10	3.36
General	229.40	252.60	+ 1.10	2.82
Property	241.80	251.60	...	5.29
Trustee	226.20	241.90	+ 0.70	2.42
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70	+ 0.10	4.97
Distribution @#	113.70	113.70†	+ 1.00	6.05
Extra Income #	157.62	147.20	+ 0.17	7.52
Gilt & Fxd Int	97.38	99.39†	- 0.13	7.99
Income #	587.80	628.70†	+ 1.30	4.72
Income Builder #	68.46	73.03†	+ 0.23	6.44
Intl Income	70.84	75.58	+ 0.32	2.73
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	143.00	152.50†	+ 0.30	1.97
FTSE 100	100.70	107.20	+ 0.30	2.87
Leisure	181.90	194.60	+ 0.20	0.67
Recovery	95.50	102.10	+ 0.50	2.65
Smlr Cos Inc	99.34	63.63†	+ 0.15	2.13
Special Sits	392.50	419.80	+ 1.00	1.28
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	171.80	182.80	+ 1.00	0.16
Asset Acc	186.70	206.20	+ 4.10	1.82
Asset Inc	171.50	183.10	+ 2.50	1.82
Euro Gwth Inc	194.00	206.00†	+ 1.50	0.56
-do- Accum	210.90	224.10	+ 1.70	0.56
Japan & Gen Inc	151.10	160.00	- 1.60	...
Japan Spec	152.50	161.90	- 1.00	...
Japan Smlr Sits	71.29	75.52	- 0.72	...
Worldwide	198.90	211.10†	+ 0.50	0.44

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 214 1004

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	129.60	137.00	+ 0.30	.
Amer Smlr Cos	166.40	179.10	+ 1.70	.
Convertibles	80.48	84.71	+ 0.04	4.70
Eastern	298.00	321.00	+ 0.50	0.30
Equity Income	98.72	105.70†	+ 0.30	4.40
European Growth	364.30	387.40	+ 0.50	0.60
Europe	359.20	383.50	+ 0.20	0.80
German Growth	88.77	94.14	+ 0.05	0.50
Global Bond	70.19	73.83†	+ 0.04	6.50
Global Growth	146.20	156.40	+ 0.10	0.40
Japan Growth	186.20	208.70	- 1.80	.
Japan Smaller	165.20	176.80	- 1.00	.
Korea Trust	63.63	68.97	- 0.63	.
Portfolio	145.60	155.60†	+ 0.60	2.30
-do- Accum	276.00	294.90	+ 1.00	2.30
UK Growth	104.90	112.40	+ 0.10	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	99.10	107.50	+ 0.30	2.50
Select Managers	89.40	95.85	+ 0.14	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	89.76	95.49†	...	.
Special Opps Inc	80.93	84.82†	...	.

BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD
0141 223 0020

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	141.50	150.20	+ 0.68	1.53
-do- Accum	163.86	173.87	+ 0.76	1.53
Smaller Cos	154.65	163.89	+ 0.24	0.74
Higher Yield #	56.86	60.17†	+ 0.21	3.94
American Gth Inc	97.70	103.35†	+ 0.61	.
European Growth	167.24	176.97	+ 0.77	.
-do- Accum	170.80	180.53	+ 0.79	.
Global Bond Inc #	36.69	37.63	- 0.02	6.43
Mngd Profile Inc	93.31	98.38	+ 0.12	1.43
-do- Accum	94.94	98.11	+ 0.12	1.43
Int Spec Opps	167.10	176.91	+ 0.58	.
Pacific Gth	148.11	157.79	+ 0.11	0.13
Uk General #	95.11	100.64	+ 0.27	2.89
-do- Accum #	161.76	167.68	+ 0.26	2.89
Japan	59.13	62.57†	- 0.51	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.65	102.25†	- 0.28	8.46

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 489 7215

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	66.40	67.25	+ 0.02	8.46

C&S UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0181 837 5080

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Exempt	191.70	201.30	+ 0.40	1.76
UK Growth	209.90	220.00†	+ 0.30	2.09
UK Income	148.39	155.70	+ 0.30	4.47

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 822 100

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Can Eas Dist	234.30	248.40†	+ 0.30	1.59
-do- Income Dist	125.50	133.00†	+ 1.00	3.76
-do- Accum	400.80	427.00	+ 3.00	3.76
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.32	42.37†	+ 0.01	6.42
Growth Units	253.90	271.50†	+ 0.80	2.05
Bond	172.30	181.20†	- 0.30	7.20
Intl Growth	245.40	261.00	+ 0.60	0.18
North American	253.80	270.20†	+ 1.40	0.24
Far East	305.70	327.00	+ 1.10	0.45
UK Smaller Cos	229.10	245.00	- 0.50	0.94
European	97.57	103.40	- 0.20	0.64
Japanese Growth	47.24	50.15	- 0.53	.
High Income	220.80	236.10	+ 0.90	4.22

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7455 Dlg 0161 831 7455

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	216.10	233.70	+ 2.00	.
European Inc	94.64	100.35†	+ 0.05	0.50
Smaller Cos (4-7)	108.40	115.40†	+ 0.10	1.50
Growth	536.40	573.90†	+ 5.60	1.78
Income & Growth #	456.00	485.20†	+ 0.70	3.93
-do- Accum #	880.30	733.30	+ 1.00	3.93
Japan & Gen	82.27	72.41	- 0.89	.
Master Portfolio	[illegible]	1125.98†	+22.00	2.00
-do- Accum	0146.42	0151.25	+28.00	2.00
Special Sits	125.68	133.70†	+ 0.60	1.82
High Yield	014.52	016.38	+ 1.00	4.34

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0708

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capricorn Portfolio	102.04	108.85†	+ 0.16	2.35
American Portfolio	121.86	128.23	+ 0.14	0.88
European Portfolio	134.54	143.31	- 0.05	0.62
High Income	51.10	51.22†	...	7.17
Japanese Portfolio	68.42	72.69†	- 0.09	...
Pacific Portfolio	156.10	167.85	+ 0.62	1.42
UK Equity	98.97	105.73	+ 0.30	3.02
UK Equity & Bd	97.86	61.11	+ 0.11	6.25

CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inv Fund	771.18	782.84	+ 7.80	4.20
Fxd In Sec	156.73	157.35	+ 0.10	9.09

COIF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Investment Inc	755.71	767.13	+ 8.20	4.34
Investment Acc	934.45	934.97	+37.96	...
Fixed Int Inc	126.46	126.95	+ 0.39	9.14
Fixed Int Acc	225.25	226.15	+ 0.69	...

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Peckman Intl	88.16	93.14	- 1.66	3.08
Black Sea Trust	41.97	45.45	.	.
Acorn Ethical Tst	191.78	201.39	.	0.44
City Fin Assets	83.85	89.05	.	1.52
City Fin America	114.74	120.48	+ 3.62	.
City Fin Intl	92.86	97.53	+ 0.65	0.44
City Fin Japan	150.63	158.17	- 1.80	.
Friars Hse Cap	321.84	342.38†	.	2.47
Friary Hse Inc	201.86	214.53	.	3.51
Berkley Wdd Gth	145.55	154.28	- 0.11	.
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	56.85	58.85	.	3.28
Share Utilities	59.21	60.21	+ 0.06	6.05

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emergng Markets	56.96	60.45†	+ 0.20	.

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0345 772 233

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	73.49	84.56	+ 0.79	.
Dragon Gwth	73.75	77.80	+ 0.32	0.41
Equity High Inc	90.74	97.18	+ 0.13	4.05
-do- Accum	135.10	138.27	+ 0.19	4.05
Extra Income Inc	26.23	27.60	- 0.04	7.60
Extra Income Acc	28.44	29.92	- 0.05	7.60
European Gwth	63.61	67.49	+ 0.04	0.93
Evergreen	32.32	34.66	+ 0.05	.
General Equity	104.09	110.44	+ 0.13	2.91
Japan Growth	59.44	53.66	- 0.58	.
Global Bond	70.19	73.83†	+ 0.04	6.50
Global Growth	146.20	156.40	+ 0.10	0.40
Japan Growth	186.20	208.70	- 1.80	.
Japan Smaller	165.20	176.80	- 1.00	.
Korea Trust	63.63	68.97	- 0.63	.
Portfolio	145.60	155.60†	+ 0.60	2.30
-do- Accum	276.00	294.90	+ 1.00	2.30
UK Growth	104.90	112.40	+ 0.10	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	99.10	107.50	+ 0.30	2.50
Select Managers	89.40	95.85	+ 0.14	1.00

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 838 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	68.64	71.49†	+ 0.19	4.01
Capital	83.60	87.08†	+ 0.12	2.25
High Income	50.51	53.61†	+ 0.12	7.70
Top 50	56.57	58.92†	+ 0.09	2.07

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818

PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	196.55	204.72	+ 1.00	4.49
Long Gilt	42.30	44.04	+ 0.01	8.41
Monthly Inc Plus	48.67	50.91	- 0.05	8.80
Preference Share	46.64	48.58	- 0.08	8.02
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	140.18	146.02	+ 0.55	5.84
Managed Fund	78.05	81.19	+ 0.09	2.64
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.94	56.15	+ 0.12	1.72
-do- Accum	62.57	65.18	+ 0.14	1.72
UK & General	98.04	102.13	+ 0.14	2.52
-do- Accum	117.15	122.45	+ 0.17	2.52
Uk Growth	194.72	202.83	+ 0.40	1.38
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	213.92	222.88	- 0.21	0.65
Far Eastern Gth	138.07	143.82	+ 0.06	0.02
Global Bond	62.66	65.99	- 0.01	5.76
Japan Growth	113.33	118.05	- 1.22	.
North Amer Gwth	234.90	244.69	+ 1.31	.
Oriental Growth	85.52	89.14	+ 0.44	0.76
Worldwide Growth	74.58	77.69	- 0.09	0.10

OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Deposit Fund	93.04	93.04	+ 0.01	5.15
Homeowner Fund	92.08	97.56	- 0.01	1.54
Quilter Fund	155.96	165.91†	+ 0.20	1.88

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	36.58	38.09†	.	4.36

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 356

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Growth	178.70	190.10	+ 0.40	1.85
Income	71.75	76.33†	+ 0.26	4.75
European	75.80	80.64	+ 0.06	0.82
Recovery	169.70	201.80	- 0.10	2.06

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	967.80	982.90	.	3.42

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 690 370

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	112.30	119.40	+ 0.20	1.09
Income #	290.60	309.10	+ 0.40	4.09
-do- Accum #	760.50	809.00	+ 1.10	4.09
Smaller Cos	236.10	251.40	+ 0.30	0.86
Far Eastern	250.10	311.80	+ 0.30	0.86
Gth Portfolio	102.70	109.20†	.	1.30
High Inc Port #	83.61	88.94	+ 0.12	4.27

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 470 1634

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	1696.40	1752.60	.	.
Japan Small Cos	1264.50	1306.20	.	0.01
UK Small Cos	2192.70	2262.40	.	2.90
US Small Cos	2122.40	2157.10	.	0.87

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8919

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	229.30	241.40	.	3.02

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 577 655

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	168.90	180.70	+ 0.40	1.79
UK High Inc Inc	177.60	189.10	+ 0.40	3.77
-do- Accum	240.00	255.30	+ 0.40	3.77
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.51	62.08	- 0.17	5.96
Exempt Opps	100.30	106.70	.	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	69.08	73.46	+ 0.11	0.80
Euro Income Inc	47.86	50.91†	- 0.18	8.08

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 090 539

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	175.20	185.40	+ 0.70	0.43
Convertibles #	72.77	74.19	- 0.02	5.79
Equity Income #	145.10	154.20	+ 0.50	3.88
Euro Fund	63.91	67.68	+ 0.05	0.59
Financial	66.52	68.99	+ 0.50	1.53
Growth & Inc #	269.40	286.50†	+ 1.00	2.84
High Dist #	181.70	193.10	+ 0.90	4.89
International	442.90	470.60†	+ 0.90	0.11
Inc Cap Inc	104.10	111.10†	+ 0.20	2.43
Latin American	33.05	35.12†	+ 0.59	.
Pacific	83.00	88.27	- 0.18	.
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■ FILM 1

Idyllic images and an absorbing narrative mark Bertolucci's "homecoming" in *Stealing Beauty*



■ FILM 2

John Travolta acquires a brain of genius, but *Phenomenon* itself has few bright sparks

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■ FILM 3

Boys, a tale of youngsters in distress, mars its good intentions with poor characterisation



■ PROMS

Charles Ives's monumental Symphony No 4: literally a resounding success in the Albert Hall

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on Bernardo Bertolucci's *Stealing Beauty*, a perfume ad of a film with a dark undercurrent

Beauty revives the lust emperor

Is this a Bernardo Bertolucci film or an advertisement for perfume? It is difficult to judge from some of the images used to sell *Stealing Beauty*. No recent film publicity campaign has made such a fetish of its star's face. And no young player has been given so hard a push as Liv Tyler, the woman in question.

A few months ago she was known only to the unfortunates who saw *Silent Fall* or the luckier viewers of *Heavy*. Now she gazes out from a thousand magazines, loose hair framing oval perfection: an 18-year-old with the world at her feet.

But we should not be so bemused by the film's glossy packaging. What would *The Last Emperor* or *The Sheltering Sky* be without their gleaming exotica? Now, though, Bertolucci has returned from his forays into distant lands. He is back in contemporary Italy for the first time in 15 years, since *Tragedy of a Ridiculous Man*: and he is back with a most pleasurable film, intimate in scope, a divertissement with a few dark shadows, Chekhov in Chianti country.

Stealing Beauty
Lumiere, 15, 118 mins
Bertolucci's agreeable diversion

Phenomenon
Odeon West End
PG, 123 mins
Your chance to guess John Travolta's IQ

Boys
Virgin Trocadero
15, 86 mins
Fuzzy drama about young lives in the balance



Liv Tyler, "an 18-year-old with the world at her feet", shares the Tuscan scenery with some significant statuary in the lightweight, but frequently moving *Stealing Beauty*

One hurdle for some may be what you might call the ogle factor. For both script and camera revel in Tyler's teasing mixture of innocence and sensuality. "You're in need of a ravisher," Jeremy Irons tells this American girl spending a summer in a Tuscan farmhouse teeming with bohemian expatriates.

Irons himself does not oblige — he is busy dying of leukaemia — but there are enough sexual stirrings among other guests young and old to make this one of those long hot summers, so popular in cinema and fiction, when family secrets are revealed and adolescents ripen.

But it would be unfair to pigeonhole Bertolucci's film as the shallow fantasy of a middle-aged man casting a fond eye on youth. Death is a spectre at this feast. You glimpse him in Irons, always sickly, his head crowned with a scarf or a woolly hat. You see him in Jean Marais' capering antiques dealer, on the borderline of senility. And the script, written with the American novelist Susan Minot, is populated by absent presences. There is Lucy's late mother, a poet whose holiday flings led to Lucy's conception. There is Lucy's father, the search for whose identity partly prompted this summer trip.

With the end near, Irons tells Tyler, "I so enjoyed watching all that beauty". But Tyler is not the only beauty. Versatile cameraman Darius Khondji — he shot the urban nightmare of *Seven* — lingers long on the Tuscan hills and the summer light. The landscape is studded with terracotta statues (ostensibly the work of Donal McGann's sculptor, in reality created by Matthew Spender). The setting, indeed, is surprisingly idyllic: only a few forced remarks about a TV mast being built "to brainwash the Italian electorate" suggest Bertolucci the social critic.

Bertolucci calls *Stealing Beauty* a "cautious homecoming"; and admirers of his earlier Italian work might well chafe at its lightness. But the weight and scale suit the material; and it would take a killjoy not to relish the film's dynamic images, the interplay of sexes and generations, and the acute sense of life's joy and pain.

There are few of us who from time to time have not been curious about the inside of John Travolta's head. **Phenomenon** provides the answer. The man is a genius. He can predict earthquakes and learn Portuguese in 20 minutes. He reads four books a day. Or at least his character George Malley does, after being biffed unconscious by a fast-moving light in the midnight sky.

Before the incident George was a friendly, unexceptional small-town mechanic, with a ready grin and lots of blue denims; after it he remains a friendly mechanic, although his chums grow very wary. He attracts the FBI's unwelcome attention when he casually decodes secret messages; but the person he actively tries to attract, Kyra Sedgwick, the new single parent in town, keeps him at bay.

Can George Malley find love and happiness with an IQ that goes off the scale? The question might seem refreshingly novel at a time when Hollywood glorifies stupidity in *Forrest Gump* and *Dumb & Dumber*. But as John Turtletaub's film stumbles forward it fritters away its comic fantasy and becomes more and more a disease movie in disguise. Mawkishness proliferates, both in action and words. "I think I'm what every one can be. I'm the possibility!" Travolta burbles radiantly after learning that his IQ may be the death of him.

The film certainly thinks Travolta is someone special. In the silliest sequence, Sedgwick demonstrates her new romantic ardour by tenderly washing and cutting his hair and shaving his stubble while a bland pop song drones on the soundtrack. Travolta makes an unlikely Adonis, although overall he peddles enough easy charm to make Malley sympathetic: Everyman with a booster shot. Not enough charm, though, to save the film from its love affair with the thumpingly obvious, or pull it clear from a bog of mush. For a film concerned with the higher levels of intelligence, *Phenomenon* is remarkably dimwitted itself.

Stupidity is not a problem with **Boys**; the sticking point in Stacy Cochran's singular little film is lack of audience appeal. Who do you identify with? Winona Ryder, the distressed damsel who wants to avoid police questions for reasons kept hidden for the longest time? Or Lukas Haas (the *Witness* boy grown up), the disaffected teenager who faces parental frowns and high school taunts by becoming her knight in shining armour? In the event, neither becomes our pal.

It is clear enough what Cochran wanted in this adaptation of a James Salter short story: a study of two lives in the balance, offering each other redemption. But so many things muddy the goal. The autumnal images are neatly designed, but apart from a burst of fairground neon come shrouded in off-putting gloom. The script is inadequate, the characters fuzzy. Ryder tries to make something out of her mystery girl, but Haas, less experienced, maintains an impenetrable glare even when asking her to marry him.

Cochran's only previous feature, the whimsical comedy *My New Gun*, also suffered from unrealised potential: maybe she needs Travolta's booster shot to build herself up a bit.

SNAP VERDICT

'The cast is good'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

STEALING BEAUTY
Edward Dee, 19: It reminded me of *Sirens* — very dreamy and a bit pretentious. The plot kept me awake but was not exactly enthralling.
Bert Dörr, 18: Not much happens and what does is rather predictable, but the film is pleasant to watch.
Niamh Brooks, 20: Bertolucci seems to have lost the touch that made *The Last Emperor* and others such classics. However, the cast is good with Jeremy Irons excelling.
Alisdair Nimmo, 19: Liv Tyler is both impressive and beautiful in the lead role.

PHENOMENON
Edward: The cast is great, with everyone turning in superbly believable performances, but it does spill over into melodrama.
Bert: Forest Whitaker deserves a lead role one day — he cannot be left in the shadows for all his career.
Niamh: This works as a feel-good movie, despite Travolta not being quite able to pull off the role of genius.
Alisdair: This film led me to laughter and tears.

BOYS
Edward: Lukas Haas portrays perfectly a teenager fawning over Winona Ryder. Unfortunately, this theme does not make a plot and by the end I just did not care what happened.
Bert: The plot is scarcely credible, but it does sweep you along.
Niamh: Ryder seems to still be searching for a consistent performance and only sparkles periodically.
Alisdair: The feisty Ryder has settled into a character well suited to her charms.

One conductor is simply not enough

MUSIC: Huge works by Ives and Kurtág reviewed at the BBC Proms; and a tribute to adventurous Orkney

György Kurtág and Charles Ives had, of course, met before at the Albert Hall, when the living Hungarian composer responded to the immortal New Englander in his *The Answered-Unanswered Question*, premiered at the Proms in 1994. But one of the most rewarding introductions effected by the BBC Symphony Orchestra at this year's Proms was between Kurtág's *Stele* (receiving its British premiere on Tuesday night) and Ives's great Fourth Symphony.

Already, in the Kurtág, two conductors (Andrew Davis and Laurent Philippe) were lined up on stage, a sure sign of the multidimensional sound, the coexisting musics brought to their apotheosis later in the concert in the music of Ives. But for all the contrapuntal density and superimpositions of its second movement (marked *disperato, con moto*, and beguilingly scored with cimbalom and marimba ostinati, wild high double-basses and trumpets), *Stele* is a work of disarming simplicity.

Its title refers to the inscription-bearing commemorative stone slabs of Ancient Greece. The last movement is an orchestral arrangement of the solo piano piece Kurtág wrote on the death of his teacher, Andras Mihaly.

Like virtually all of Kurtág's music, this is not only, in his own turn of phrase, music that lets itself be written, but music that, one feels, *had* to be written. And nowhere more so than in the wonderful final section, where the strange fluctuating intonation of the opening, and the low-level strata of block orchestration, yield to a progression of heavy, luminous chords. They move out of a shifting percussion pulse and reverberation, until the orchestra becomes one long, sustained reverberation itself, inhaling and exhaling through beautifully placed textures and registers to its final expiration.

The BBC Symphony Orchestra and Andrew Davis have had a good recent run-in for the Ives; they gave a fine performance of the Fourth Symphony at the Barbican's Ives festival earlier this year. This performance excelled even that one, with the Albert Hall itself a potent stage-manager for Ives's diverse forces.

While at least two orchestras seemed to be playing at once on stage, and the BBC Singers gravely singing *Watchman, tell us of the night* and *Bethany*, the music itself moved from hymnody to chamber music, from rumbustious brass band to dream vision, from formalistic fugue to intimations of immortality in what Calum MacDonald's astute programme note called "a grand personal continuum of allusion, association and vision". This early masterpiece of our century was all the more moving for the ease, sophistication and sheer enjoyment brought to it by all its performers.

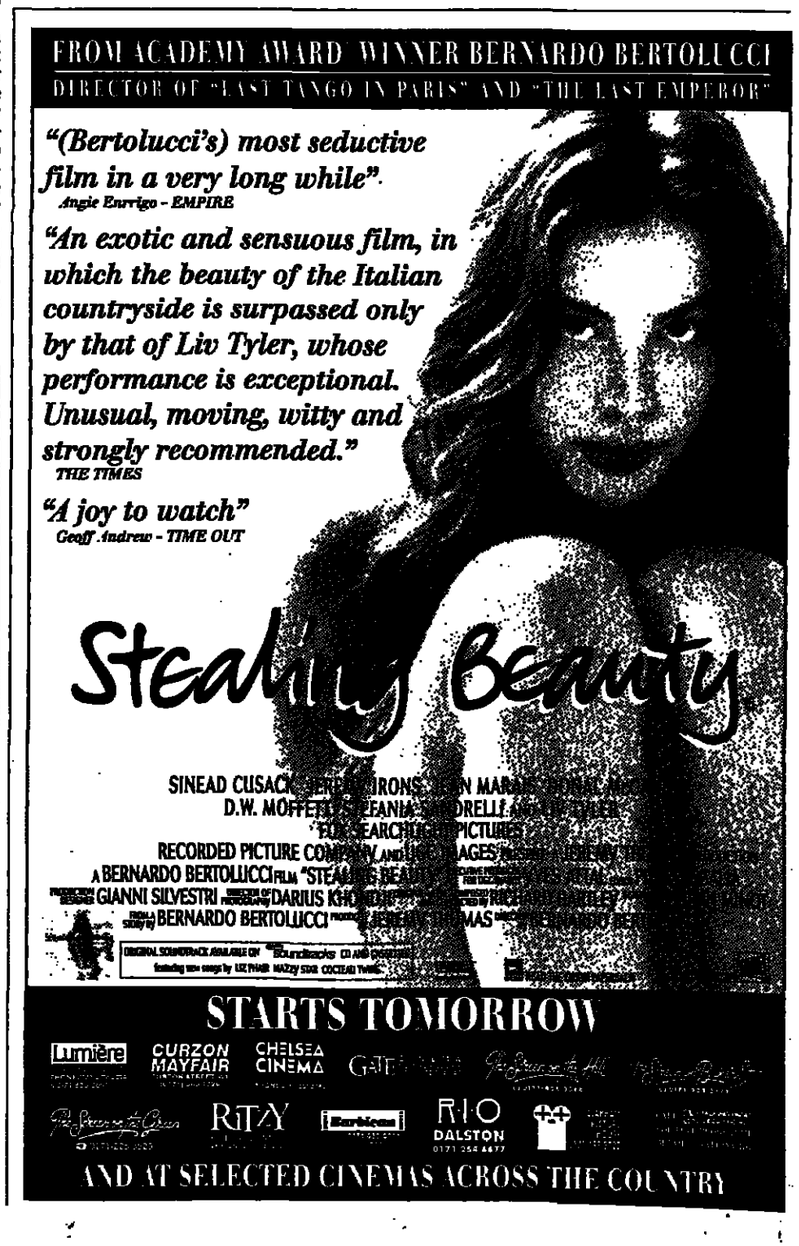
HILARY FINCH

Go north, budding composers

CAN a music festival combine an adventurous music programme with box office success? The sold-out signs outside music venues at this year's Edinburgh Festival may be welcome news to the organisers, but they would have to concede that contemporary music has not exactly been a major ingredient, *Magnus Linklater writes*. There has been, to the dismay of some critics, a dearth of commissioned work by living composers. James MacMillan's new opera *Ines de Castro* was a rare exception.

A couple of hundred miles further north, however, the St Magnus Festival, whose presiding genius is the composer Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, has a remarkably different record. Over the past ten years of its existence, the festival has premiered no fewer than 93 new works. Of these, 29 were specially commissioned for the festival. The performances include the very first, in 1977, of Peter Maxwell Davies's *The Martyrdom of St Magnus*; there have been new works by Judith Weir, Geoffrey King, Edward Harper, David Gray, Andras Szolloszy, James MacMillan, Richard Rodney Bennett and Simon Holt. There was even a *Beggar's Opera*, with music devised from original airs by seven modern composers. And this year saw Maxwell Davies's new Sixth Symphony, commissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to celebrate its own 50th birthday.

At least as remarkable as this is the way local schoolchildren have been trained to sing some of the more demanding music around — with every appearance of enjoying it. At the same time audiences have grown steadily. The list was compiled by Maxwell Davies's manager, Judy Arnold, and Archie Bevan, a former director. "I find it astonishing that little old Orkney has been able to produce all this," says Arnold.





CHOICE 1

Pina Bausch stages Gluck's *Iphigenie auf Tauris* at the Edinburgh Festival

VENUE: Tonight at the Festival Theatre



CHOICE 2

Also at the festival, Dohnányi conducts Mahler with the Cleveland Orchestra

VENUE: Tonight at the Usher Hall

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CHOICE 3

Wendy Wasserstein's Pulitzer winner, *The Heidi Chronicles*, comes to London

VENUE: Tonight at the Greenwich Theatre



VIDEOS

A chance to delight in the wonderful wit of Tony Hancock with the release of three classic BBC episodes

East Cheam to Vietnam



Vintage comedy: Three more Tony Hancock tapes have been rescued from the BBC archives and released

NEW ON VIDEO

HANCOCK'S HALF HOUR
BBC, U, 1957
THREE less familiar episodes of the classic series are combined on this latest tape to emerge from the BBC vaults. In *How to Win Money and Influence People*, the Lad Himself expects instant wealth from winning a newspaper competition. In *Air Steward Hancock* his mettle is tested high above the clouds. *The Alpine Holiday*, which is the earliest surviving Hancock television episode, finds him in lederhosen, primed for a peaceful holiday but forced to share his hotel room with the yodelling champion of East Dulwich (played, not surprisingly, by Kenneth Williams). Wonderful stuff, all of it.

CYCLO
Entertainment, 18, 1995
TRAN ANH HUNG'S first film, *The Secret of Green Papaya*, was poised and immaculate. His second is all ostentatious hustle and bustle. The story concerns a bicycle rickshaw driver delving into crime in the clogged streets of Ho Chi Minh City. The film's visceral impact is astonishing: many images are incredibly beautiful. But there comes a point when you cannot be dazzled any more, you want a film that has at least the semblance of a human face. *Cyclo* does not have one. Available to rent.

THE DEVIL PROBABLY
Artificial Eye, 15, 1977
IF YOU want a cinematic knees-up, don't go to Robert Bresson. But if you want a cinema of economy, purity and spiritual depth, the French director is your man. This is his penultimate film, a despairing portrait of the modern world as witnessed by a Paris student who ultimately wills his own death. As usual with this director, the cast are amateurs. Bresson's camera catches the sterility of daily life though his painter's eye, and compassionate instincts take some of the chill off this austere work.

HEAT
Warner, 18, 1995
"THEY'RE good," muses Al Pacino's workaholic detective as he observes Robert De Niro's criminals robbing their way around Los Angeles. The film is good too, nearly three hours long but with few wasted minutes. Pacino and De Niro have few scenes together, which is part of the director's strategy: Michael Mann builds tension superbly, cutting between cat and mouse. The visual side is most enticing. Mobile camerawork and lighting suggest a Los Angeles of lonely souls, and several action set-pieces set new standards. Available to rent.

LES MISERABLES
Warner, 12, 1995
SINCE the director is that gaudy eccentric Claude Lelouch, do not expect a straightforward version of Victor Hugo's novel. The familiar plot about Valjean and Javert comes mixed together with snippets of 20th-century history and the story of a modern Valjean, the man who is given a raw deal by fate. Lelouch supplies lots of flashy effects and Jean-Paul Belmondo, grizzled and ever-smiling, plays Valjean Mark Two with the kind of force that gives gusto a bad name. Available to rent.

GEOFF BROWN

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

EDINBURGH

The day begins with an all-Brahms recital by András Schiff, piano, Erich Höbarth and Yuuko Shiokawa, violins, Miklós Perenyi, cello, and Radovan Vlatkovic, horn. At 7pm, in the King's Theatre (to Sat), Peter Stein directs Teatro di Roma and Teatro Stabile di Parma in a new production of Chekhov's **Uncle Vanya**, in Italian with English surtitles. The Edinburgh Festival Theatre (7.15pm; to Sat) is the venue for Pina Bausch's staging of **Iphigenie auf Tauris**, Gluck's fusion of dance, chorus and solo arias; sung in German.

Meanwhile, Houston Grand Opera presents Virgil Thomson's witty music-theatre piece **Four Saints in Three Acts**, to a libretto by Gertrude Stein (Edinburgh Playhouse, 7.30pm; to Sat). At 8pm (Usher Hall), Christoph von Dohnányi conducts the **Cleveland Orchestra** in the first of two concerts on consecutive days; Mahler's orchestration of Beethoven's Quartet in F minor is followed by Mahler's Fifth Symphony. **Festival box office** (0131-225 5756)

Fringe highlights include Rowan Talley Mime performing **Fistful of Characters** (Bedlam Theatre, 12.30pm; to Sat), and the **Fife Youth Orchestra** performing Shostakovich's *Festival Overture*, *Rebus* by Bridge and Rachmaninov's Second Symphony (Central Hall, 7.30pm). In the Moray House Studios (9.40pm), Twisted Collision Dance Theatre presents the final performance of **The Nearly Dead Shelf**, a brutal dance and physical theatre piece, interwoven with a disturbing monologue, about a serial killer's remaining moments on Death Row. **Fringe box office** (inquiries 0131-226 5257, tickets 0131-226 5138).

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: Claudio Abbado conducts the **Berlin Philharmonic** in Mahler's *Resurrection Symphony* — the composer's monumental vision of apocalypse and rebirth. The orchestra joins forces with the BBC Symphony Chorus and the London Symphony Chorus for the immense finale. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

THE HEIDI CHRONICLES: Two years after the success here of *The Sisters Rosensweig* comes Wendy Wasserstein's Pulitzer Prize-winning chronicle play, showing what happens to Heidi (Susannah Harker) on her way from high school in 1965 to her luxury apartment in 1990. David Taylor directs. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

ELSEWHERE

GUILDFORD: The second production this season at the Mill Studio is *A Parson's Tale*, devised and performed by Christopher Owen, who is perhaps best known as Peter McKenzie in the television series *House of Cards* and its sequel, *To Play the King*. In 1895, the Rev J T. Smith is preparing for a very special occasion. Unfortunately, the guest speaker and performers have not arrived, but the audience has. **Mill Studio at Yvonne Arnaud**, Millbrook (01483 440000). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm.

SCARBOROUGH: Conrad Orton directs Martin Crimp's atmospheric thriller **Dealing with Clair**. Estate agent Clair becomes embroiled in the machinations of vendors Mike and Liz, and their sinister cash purchaser James. **Stephen Joseph**, Westborough (01723 370541). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Sep 4. Then Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat (Sep 14 and 28), 3pm. Until October 5.

LONDON GALLERIES

Leighton House: Randolph Caldecott (0171-602 3316). **Llewellyn Alexander**: Not the Royal Academy 1996 (0171-620 1322). **Museum of London**: Whistlers Glass: the Art of James Powell & Sons of London (0171-600 0807). **Museum of the Moving Image**: Image-in' Visions of Future Images (0171-815 1350). **National Portrait Gallery**: Assembling the Family (0171-306 0055). **Serpentine**: Richard Wilson: Jamming Gears (0171-402 6075). **Tate**: New Displays (0171-887 8000). **V & A**: The Leighton Frescoes (0171-938 8500).

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS**: Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary skulduggery. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J. Travanti, Moira Lister. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm.

☐ **BODIES**: Dinsdale Landen recreates the role of Mervyn in a revival of James Saunders's wife-swapping drama, originally produced here and in the West End in 1977. Dominic Hill directs. **Orange Tree**, Clarence St, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)**: The RSC's (Reduced Shakespeare Company) popular, potty rough-handling of the Bard. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1737). *Wed-Sat, 8pm; Mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, and Sun, 4pm.*

☐ **ELVIS**: Spirited revival of the 20-year-old tribute show. P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Elvis and Tim Whitnall plays the Pelvis in his prime. Positively no emphasis on the late-night gorging on peanut butter and jello torpedoes. **Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street W1 (0171-839 5972). Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

☐ **FERRY 'CROSS THE MERSEY**: Gerry and the Pacemakers, singing the story of, yes, Gerry and the Pacemakers, who had their first No 1 hit one month before the Beatles. **Lyric**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm. Until Sept 7.

■ **HEDDA GABLER**: Alexandra Gilbreath's acclaimed performance in Stephen Unwin's production for English Touring Theatre. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Aug 31.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE LIGHTS**: Howard Korder's drama of a journey through the New York nightmare. Ends with the cast attacking the theatre, fittingly, because after the run the interior will be rebuilt. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until August 31.

☐ **LOVE IN A WOOD**: London Classic Theatre Co provide the annual Restoration comedy at this venue: Wycherley's first success. Intrigue, matchmaking, characters called Addlepot and Dapperwit; unperformed in London for 300 years. **New End**, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sun, 4.30pm. Until Sep 8.

☐ **THE RED BALLOON**: Inevitably the affectionate balloon was more convincing in the classic 1950s French film but Anthony Clark's stage version is skilful and touching. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Final performances today and tomorrow, 10.30am, 2.15pm.

■ **RICHARD III**: David Troughton plays the lung as a psychopathic court jester in Steven Pimlott's arresting production, up from Stratford. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. In rep.

☐ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). *Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.*

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733). ☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800). ☐ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083). ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060). ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909). ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443). ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400). ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ERASER** (18): Dishevelled Arnold Schwarzenegger vehicle, with Vanessa Brown, James Caan, and mayhem galore. Director, Charles Russell. **ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148). **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772). **Odeon: Kensington** (01426 914666). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031). **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990). **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

THE LAST SUPPER (15): Grad students murder with the best intentions. *Jet-black comedy falls into a rut. With* Cameron Diaz and Annabeth Gish. Director, Stacy Title. **ABC Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279). **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121). **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990). **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527).

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THE PEREZ FAMILY (15): Wayward tale about Cuban immigrants in Miami, with Marisa Tomei, Alfred Molina, and Anjelica Huston. Director, Mira Nair. **Plaza** (0990 888990). **Renoir** (0171-837 8402). **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121).

WHERE IS MY FRIEND'S HOUSE?: Simple and moving Iranian film from leading director Abbas Kiarostami, double-billed with *And Life Goes On*. **ICA** (0171-930 3647).

CURRENT

◆ **INDEPENDENCE DAY** (12): Aliens invade America's skies in this outsize popcorn feast starring Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith and Bill Pullman. **ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148). **Barbican** (0171-638 8891). **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705). **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666). **Leicester Square** (01426 915 683). **Marble Arch** (01426 914 501). **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057). **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121). **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520). **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332). **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636).

◆ **LAST DANCE** (18): Sharon Stone sits on Death Row; rookie lawyer Rob Morrow wants to save her. Perfunctory drama from director Bruce Beresford. **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426-915 353). **Kensington** (01426 914666).

◆ **MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE** (PG): Rousing set-pieces dwarf the stars, even Tom Cruise's special agent, in this enjoyable revival of the television series. With Jon Voight and Emmanuelle Béart. Director, Brian De Palma. **Empire** (0990 888 990). **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **Plaza** (0990 888 990). **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888 990). **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031).

◆ **THE ROCK** (18): Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris. **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666). **Mezzanine** (01426 915683). **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888 990). **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031). **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

THE SECRET OF ROAN INISH (PG): Wonderful Celtic folk tale with a realistic slant, filmed in Ireland by writer-director John Sayles. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 0631).

◆ **THE STUPIDS** (PG): Mirthless comedy about America's stupidest family. With Tom Arnold and Jessica Lundy. Director, John Landis. **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **West End** (01426-915 574).

◆ **TWISTER** (PG): Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Director, Jan De Bont. **Empire** (0990 888990). **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772). **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666). **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990). **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031).

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Fortune's Fool
Chichester

Mike Poulton's adaptation and Gale Edwards's production do enough to prove that the piece is worth rescuing. It has its melodramatic and its sentimental moments, and it is somewhat unevenly performed at Chichester, not least by its leading actor. Alan Bates alternates between diving boldly into the title-role and cautiously dipping his big toe into it. Even so, the play touches feelings and dramatises dilemmas way beyond the British theatre of 1848 or, for that matter, 1948.

Bates's Kuzovkin is one of those impoverished, vaguely genteel hangers-on who seem to have nested half-noticed in 19th-century Russian mansions. Waffles, amiably strumming his guitar in *Uncle Vanya*, is Chekhov's version. The difference is that Kuzovkin was originally given free board and lodging as "a court jester, a fool — every household needs someone to make fun of". That is the steward's view, but the man himself would probably endorse it. He describes himself as "broken", and knows what an abject figure he cuts.

Except that here he doesn't. Maybe the change of title is significant, for Bates is less a pathetic parasite than a decent man undeservedly on his uppers: "fortune's fool". The years of humiliation have not found their way into his voice or bearing. As a result, his big revelation lacks the disquieting impact it requires.

It is that he is the father of Olga Petrovna, who is returning with her young husband to take command of the great house she left as a girl. Her supposed father was a brute, her mother was the victim of his violence, and, unknown to everyone, Kuzovkin slid into the marital bed. Bates blurts out this long-hidden secret very forcefully. Plied with booze, taunted by a malicious neighbour, mocked for misfortunes that include being enmeshed in a court case alongside which *Jarndyce versus Jarndyce* might be a wrangle about parking tickets, he leaps on to the lunch table and dementedly lets rip. You see his distress. You never sense his depth.

That is a pity, because the play proceeds to get intriguing. Will it give Olga more peace of mind if Kuzovkin confirms he is her father or, as her husband wants, tells her he has been lying? What is the genuinely paternal way to behave? The confrontation between Kuzovkin and his daughter is packed with lines about "angel mothers" and "devil women" and cries of "don't torture me, don't torture me": but even with Bates failing to explore all his character's confusions and Rachel Pickup proving less moving than she might be, there is more reality than fustian in the air. Both they and Benedick Bates, in the tricky role of a young spouse who must sometimes be larky and sometimes painfully earnest, clearly needed more and, I suspect, more challenging, rehearsal.

But one performance couldn't be bettered. Most actors would play Tropatchov, the neighbour who arrogantly pushes his way into Olga's house and Kuzovkin's psyche, as a supercilious fop with a mean, gossipy streak. Desmond Barrit goes further, building him into a formidable monster who may cackle, slap his thighs and make fatuous quips, but he also has a frightening capacity for cruelty and a real relish in others' pain. Cross Vanbrugh's Lord Foppington with one of Quentin Tarantino's killers, and the result might be a man like this.

Barrit does not just command the stage, he makes you shiver with his awful, sadistic joviality. Whatever the revival's inadequacies, this is top-notch acting.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CONRAD BLAKEMORE



David Collings and Alan Bates in Turgenev's rarely performed, but still powerful *Fortune's Fool*

Dance until you drop, kids

They Shoot Horses, Don't They?
Bloomsbury, WC1

The National Youth Theatre, taking over the Bloomsbury for its annual season of shows, is 40 years old this autumn. After treading the boards for that long, most companies would be creaking artistically if not heading for the knacker's yard. However, the NYT is the Peter Pan of stage companies. Its players are always under 21: the faces (they hope) of tomorrow's stage and screen.

Nevertheless, by kicking off this anniversary season with *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?*, director Edward Wilson (himself a NYT veteran) may be making a little joke, if not a bleaker comment. Based on Horace McCoy's novel, Ray Herman's play is about an exhausting dance marathon lasting — if not 40 years — 50 days and nights.

This is Tinseltown in the Great Depression, 1936. We are the spectators come to watch young couples dancing, literally till they drop, at the end of the pier (Lotte Collett's scenery provides a lamp-lit promenade). The competitors are desperately dreaming of making it big, of being spotted by movie agents who they believe will be there scouting at this cheap entertainment.

Failing that, unemployed and destitute, they are fighting to stay in the running for the promised prize money. Dazed with fatigue, they find themselves exploited by "our friendly MC" Rocky, sleazy Tim Baker with little tache and big grin. While churning out patter about being fair and caring, he offers some gals rewards for sexual favours and degrades everyone in knockout derby races. Remorselessly upbeat, he sings *We're In The Money*, backed by the band, as couples collapse at his feet. This is a dark vision of capitalism. It is a warning about naive dreams and the unsunny side of show business.

You also see the practical reason why Wilson picked the play. There are small parts aplenty for his 50-strong troupe. It is a potential showcase for dancers. Everyone gets to talk like a Yank. Herman's dialogue can be lively, partners arguing about hoofing it out of the competition.

The problem is that narrative drive dwindles into narrative drift before a closing flurry of drama (a marriage, a man on the run, and sudden deaths). Characters mill about without focus. The staging is at fault here — but also Herman's script, which only glimpses into personal lives. Outbursts of aggression and suicidal despair do not seem to rise out of gruelling experience. That said, Jayne Nesbitt's Jackie is a terrific, weary, slinky broad who can sing jazz in her sleep.

KATE BASSETT

Words fail her

Seachange/ The Kiss
Kilkenny

AND THEY say there are no good roles for women any more. In *Seachange*, the first half of a two-part evening of little plays at Cleere's Theatre starring Tom Hickey, Liz Keller, the supporting actor, spends almost the entire time sitting on a bench, staring straight ahead, munching the odd sweet, and occasionally laughing, while listening to a white-haired amnesiac (Hickey) let his mind wander. Odder still, in the original small screen version of John Banville's playlet of laughter and forgetting, Fiona Shaw took this role. Whoever is cast in the part, however, there is no hiding from the fact that *Seachange* is a one-man show with a human prop.

Despite the old man's conviviality, and his generosity with the bonbons he keeps in his paper bag, there is something increasingly eerie about what he has to say. Slowly it becomes apparent that despite the inequality of the roles, the female character may, after all, be the central consciousness, and Hickey's white-haired amnesiac simply a projection from deep in her memory or imagination.

Creating a character around a few vestigial appetites — the old man feels that in his previous incarnation he must have developed a taste for chocolate and cigarettes — is clearly hard work, particularly as Banville's script fights to keep the character spectral. Reduced to a surface of interlocking quirks and some dried-out jokes, Hickey appears to find himself left slightly flatfooted.

The second half of the evening is given over to Michael Harding's *The Kiss*, directed by the author. Once more, we are in the land of reminiscences, but this time Keller gets to play the piano, even if she has nothing whatsoever to say. Once more, patience is required to piece together the anecdotes, and work out that this time Hickey is playing a child-molesting priest.

The Kiss gives the actor a little more to work with than *Seachange*, but this sub-Beckett monologue with music is stiff and without sparkle. Script and actor have to work too hard for any laughter they elicit from this dark material, and when the writer tries to catch the audience laughing with a sudden change of mood, it seems a cheap trick.

Hickey seems to be afraid that to differentiate his two roles too firmly — signalling too broadly the difference between a man who remembers nothing and one who wishes he could forget everything — would be a greater fault than having them meld in the audience's mind. In his effort to keep his work muted, however, he delivers a pair of uncharismatic performances.

Unfortunately, under these circumstances — where one actor's centrality to the evening sets up such grand expectations — anything less than a tour de force is a disappointment.

LUKE CLANCY

DONALD COOPER



John Ramm (Olaf) and Anita Dobson as one of her several Maries in Botho Strauss's *Time and the Room*

The face is the same, but who is she?

Time and the Room
Edinburgh

WE SEE time, or rather a timepiece, before the curtain goes up on Botho Strauss's play at the Royal Lyceum: the kind of pocket watch the White Rabbit consulted is attached to the curtain and keeps real time throughout the performance, although it is an hour fast. Probably there is some reason for this.

When the curtain and the watch go up we see the room (designer, Wolfgang Göbbel), the first of many, alike only in floor area and in the disposition of windows and door, cupboard and wooden pillar. For the first act large paintings hang on the white walls. At the start of the second act shrunken versions of these are propped against the walls, but by the end of the play all have been removed. Sometimes there are books in the huge cupboard, but next time the door swings open cigarette lighters cascade out; then the shelves are stocked with wine bottles (a good surprise, this) or tapes or bric-à-brac.

This is because the occupants of the room change, although in doing so they do not follow the linear procedures of time, as, for example, in the Dublin play *Buddleia*. A Strauss room is not rented out to a sequence of locals: the same people return but are somehow not the same.

Consider Anita Dobson, who is on stage the greater part of the evening playing Marie Steuber. The dizzy, mini-skirted Marie of the first act, who met the wrong man at the airport, is presumably the same Marie we see after the interval having met the right man, leading us to expect that the play will move into a parallel time. But she can hardly be the vehement woman understanding *Medea* all too well, or the upper-class hostess infatuated with a slob. Or, if so, how is she also a secretary when the room becomes the busy office of a glossy magazine?

An answer to this puzzle will not be found in the text, despite its lively translation by Jeremy Sams. Strauss is floating ideas about the puzzlement of life, with time and memory playing a part, although it is hard to see how they fit in.

I must be a more stolid creature than I supposed, for I ended up so bemused by the play that I could not locate what it might be saying about life outside the theatre.

This is not to say that Martin Duncan's Nottingham Playhouse production fails the enjoyment test. Strauss has the knack of creating vivid characters and Duncan's meticulous direction relates and isolates them in ways that are continually exciting. I kept thinking back to the Giacometti exhibition I saw earlier in the day, where figures are enveloped in palpable space. Marie and the others are often similarly bewildered and oppressed by it.

Dobson is effectively funny and vehement by turns, and poignant when the room's pillar starts talking to her. Other performers are also intriguing, particularly John Ramm's watchful, bespectacled Olaf, gloomily letting time pass by. But if it were not for the *Uncle Vanya* due later this week the Festival's official programme would have failed to deliver a single sturdy play.

JEREMY KINGSTON

RADIO: Channel-hopping brings its (sometimes bizarre) rewards

Gems that cheer up the jams

Network-hopping, the radio equivalent of channel surfing in television, is considered slightly infra dig. Obviously (devout radio types say) television is a facile, random medium, whereas radio listeners plan and prepare, as if organising a banquet.

Well, up to a point. I listen to more whole programmes each week than I care to recall, usually on tape. But get stuck at a traffic light in summer, when car windows tend to be open, and the principal occupation around one seems to be a button-pushing exercise in search of stimulation.

This is a policy that can yield results. On Tuesday morning, for example, Tony Benn rang up Nick Ross. I had been about to switch off *Call Nick Ross* (Radio 4) because although the programme is generally good value, Tuesday's edition was about the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles, the most tedious coupling in all of Christendom. But I heard Ross say: "Is this *the* Tony Benn?" I suspect that is one of the toughest questions *the* Tony Benn has ever been asked, for is he not egalitarian, a man of the people who may well believe that any Tony Benn is as worthy of the definite article as himself?

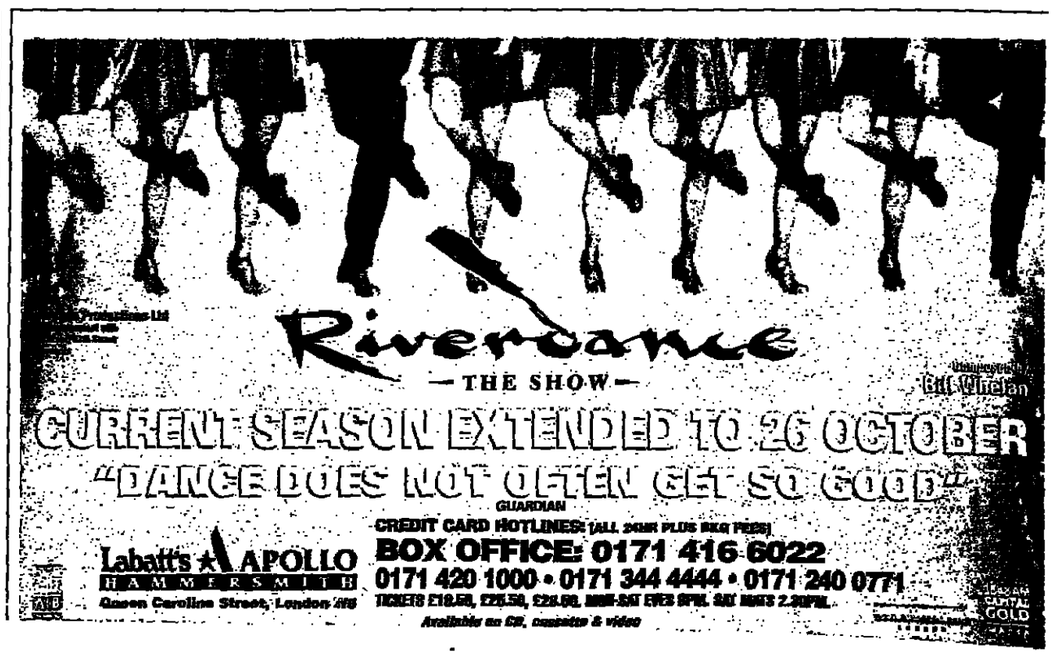
A nanosecond passed in which Benn clearly wrestled with this dilemma, before haltingly admitting that *the* Tony Benn was indeed who he was. He then produced his usual (though erudite) speech about the power of the royals, Acts of Parliament and so forth. Through lateral thinking I was left with the thrilling notion of an Act abolishing the pound sterling signed "Camilla", a splendid reward for two minutes' listening.

The other snatched highlights this week have centred on West Indian culture, but the Notting Hill Carnival, or programmes related thereto, has not been the best of them. *One In The Jungle* and *The Radio One Rap Show* (both Monday, Radio 1) were full of verve but the calmer waters of early mornings on Radio 4 have provided richer pickings for a wider audience.

Trevor McDonald is reading *Beyond a Boundary* by C.L.R. James each morning this week. Anyone missing this on the grounds that they dislike cricket has made the same mistake as the young journalist who refused my copy of *The Old Man and the Sea* because he didn't like fishing.

James's story of growing up in Trinidad is one of the best reads in the English language, an evocative analysis of caste tensions and social development. The window of James's boyhood home overlooking a cricket pitch becomes a window on the world through which we are invited to observe a society in flux. Press this button at a traffic light and you will not want to move on.

PETER BARNARD



David Pryce-Jones on a calamitous experiment in social engineering that left Russia ill-equipped to deal with the future

Eager for the smell of blood

A PEOPLE'S TRAGEDY
The Russian Revoluion, 1891-1924
By Orlando Figes
Cape, £20
ISBN 0 224 04162 2

MUSEUM OF THE REVOLUTION, MOSCOW



A new kind of terror: a Kursk peasant is executed for possessing a hunting rifle (1919)

Communism rested on systematic violence. There were always a few commentators who carefully described this threat to law-based societies and morality everywhere, but they tended to be dismissed as Cold War freaks. For a variety of reasons, intelligent people often became irrational on the subject of the Soviet Union. Some were deceiving themselves, while others swallowed deliberate deception on the part of Communists.

The academic sub-group known as Sovietologists in particular helped to mislead public opinion. The majority of them analysed the Soviet Union as though it were a society much like their own. Glossing over the central role of violence, they were accepting at face value Communist claims of success. This indulgent portrayal of the Soviet Union was thoroughly bizarre. As Soviet archives now substantiate, the brute reality was far worse than even the *most severe critics supposed*.

Orlando Figes is a young Cambridge don, seemingly a natural Sovietologist. In some passages he comes close to justifying Communist violence, or at least saying that there was no alternative to it. The Bolsheviks, he writes in a typically apologetic use of the passive tense, "were forced" to deploy terror to silence critics and subjugate society.

So it is to his great credit that in general he has escaped from irrational attitudes and sees inhuman violence for what it was. Civilisation cracked in Russia. "The primitive zoological instincts of man" were exposed, and "people began to like the smell of blood." He documents appalling atrocities, including the cannibalism which became widespread as normal standards of behaviour were swept aside.

From all sorts of Soviet archives and sources, he has gathered an enormous amo*unt of telling detail. Long as it* is, the book is easy to read, free from jargon and very well dramatised by following closely the fates of individuals such as Gorky, Prince Lvov, General Brusilov, a peasant reformer by the name of Semenov, and a couple of commissars. All in all, he has taken the Revolution away from Sovietology and restored it to the realm of history. Here is an important landmark.

In Tsarist Russia, the divide between power and subjects was absolute. In the Ottoman Empire, Persia, China and even British India, modernising at that same moment also meant converting autocracy into a constitutional society. Though difficult, the task was not inherently impossible. Witte, Stolypin and other ministers could not persuade Tsar Nicholas II to reform. Slowly but surely, he created various oppositions out of the very people whose support was essential: the mass of the peasantry, workers, the national movements, eventually the army. The Tsar undermined himself. Inadequately equipped to rule, devoid of *political instinct, he found it* easier finally to abdicate than to turn himself into a constitutional monarch.

Immemorially the peasants had believed that the land belonged to them. Genuine land reform might have been enough to stave off revolution. Reflecting at their level the autocracy at the top, they were as anarchic in outlook as they were traditional. Democracy, government by consent, accountability, were notions absolutely strange to them. Figes gives many fascinating examples of how people had no real understanding of the new abstractions about soviets and constitutions and parties which were being thrown around in their name. "Long live Communists! Death to the Bolsheviks!" was one typically confused cry.

Of all the great powers, Russia was least prepared for the First World War. Its social weaknesses were then cruelly exposed. Authority disintegrated. Perhaps revolution was the likeliest outcome but only a combination of farfetched circumstances brought it about: military disaster, the ineptitude of parliamentarians and socialists, the ruthlessness of Lenin and his colleagues, and Kerensky's fatal decision not to suppress the Bolsheviks . When the Bolsheviks came to finalise their coup, they showed none of Kerensky's liberal-minded restraint.

All accounts of the post-1917 civil war are confusing, and this is no exception. Figes's great narrative gift wobbles a bit. What emerges is that the Whites made the same mistake as the Tsar before them, refusing to launch a political process in which everyone could participate. Terror had to meet terror. Revenge became the order of the day. By the simple expedient of promising them land, the Reds won over the peasants, and this was decisive. They saw themselves, as Lenin had promised, "looting the looters".

For the victorious Lenin, the pursuit of power was an ultimate end, to be attained for its own sake. In its dogma and dictatorship, he fashioned the Communist Party into a living *replication of his own narrow* character. For the many national minorities, the Soviet regime was colonialism by another name; for the peasants it was a form of serfdom: and for workers a harsher exploitation than before. By the time of *his death, Lenin* seems to have realised that his class-driven analysis of society and history led to horror.

Stalin had only to take over where Lenin had left off. The murderous struggles to come were already in place, in embryo. The simple wish to own their own land had opposed the peasants to the party-state as much as to the previous autocrat, but now millions were to pay with their lives for it. The secret police was the same as ever, but with license under a General Secretary to be far more cruel than when in the service of a Tsar.

Retarded by its calamitous *experiment in social engineering*, Russia is today in the plight that it was a hundred years ago. Only a constitutional society can restore morality and modernise the country for its due place in the world. This too is not inherently impossible. It may take time, but rationality in the end is irresistible, even for intellectuals.

Not so happy ever after

A HAPPY ending is so rare in modern literary fiction that its existence should be advertised at once. The British revel in the worst, and sneer at Americans for having their constitutional right to happiness leaking into everything from film-scripts to Pulitzer prize winners.

In *Criminals*, five adults have their lives briefly knitted together by the theft of a baby. *The baby's mother*, Joan, is a gentle immigrant, yoked to Kenneth, an unpleasant low-life. He leaves the baby on the floor of a men's toilet, where she is found by Ewan, a decent young banker on his way to see his sister.

Formerly married to a novelist, Mollie lives in a remote house called the Mill of Fortune, and is on the verge of a serious breakdown. When she sees the baby Ewan has found she is determined to keep her. The novel interleaves her desperate deceptions, Joan's frantic search for her child, Kenneth's attempt at blackmail, with somewhat inappropriate extracts from the ex-husband's novel. None but Kenneth are willing criminals, yet all are compromised by love.

The theme is a powerful one. All but one of the characters are sympathetic, described with compassion. Margot Livesey, a Scot who now lives in Massachusetts, comes garlanded with comparisons to Hardy and Rendell from such American luminaries as Jayne Anne Phillips and Richard Ford. The force of one small slip has, however, less drastic consequences than we might wish: if you consider the way Jane Smiley's *A Thousand Acres* actually ends with a reconcili-

Amanda Craig

CRIMINALS
By Margot Livesey
Secker & Warburg, £12.99
ISBN 0 436 20386 3

ation between her modern Regan and Goneril, you can guess the kind of finale we get here.

Livesey's prose is efficient *(except when trying to* describe the thoughts of Kenneth, where jarring Americanisms such as "gotten" creep in), and the suspense very much of the superior kind encouraged by creative writing schools. She delivers a *poised and engaging combi*nation of plot, particularity, moral revelation and adventure. Yet it does not wholly fulfil.

THIS IS a Scottish writer who, for good and ill, has crossed *the Atlantic, and cannot come* back. American fiction, though currently displaying a realism, stylishness and technical accomplishment which is hugely admirable, has as its downside an upbeat, corn-fed sameness about it that our *free-range, often unpalatably* eccentric breeds escape.

The palimpsest of culture, satire and formal inventiveness of a British writer are not there in Livesey; her Britain is a miniscule place, flattened, ahistoric. It's Kansas, not Oz. *Criminals* has us as reinterpreted by Raymond Carver with a dash of Alice Hoffmann — a novel viewpoint that rings false.

What pleases emotionally is not, unfortunately, what works aesthetically. To end a tale of insider-dealing, kidnapping, blackmail and madness with almost everyone getting away scot-free is a little too upbeat for glum intellectuals. Our conclusions would be sadder, less commercial, and, quite possibly, less realistic.

Driving to the edge of extinction

Richard Dawkins treads the paths of evolution

MARK CARWARDINE/STILL PICTURES



Endangered giant: the Komodo dragon is native to the islands of Indonesia and can reach up to three metres in length

"Imagine a circular lily pond." The memorable first sentence of W. D. Hamilton's paper *Geometry for the Selfish Herd* presages his simple but productive mathematics. Hamilton is more naturalist and explorer than technical mathematician, but he has the larger imagination of a great mathematician and he is, in *my not uninformed opinion*, the most innovative evolutionary imaginer since Darwin.

He has never published a book before, and nobody has published a book like *Narrow Roads of Gene Land*. It is (Volume 1 of) his collected papers, bound together with an autobiographical thread. Distinguished scientists often publish their collected papers, but these sometimes turn out to have less in them than one had thought. Hamilton's invariably have more.

The byways of a Hamilton paper, written in his uniquely (for a scientific paper) reflective, meditative prose, are a kind of negative padding. To take just one of these narrow roads for example, there is a theory of the origins of sociality in termites which is universally attributed to an American author whom I shall call B. Quite recently I heard Hamilton referring to B's theory and I stopped him. "Bill, that isn't B's theory. You thought of it first. It's clearly stated in your 1972 paper." He denied it Eeyorishly; only when I thrust his own paragraph under his nose did he gloomily agree.

His modesty is legendary, but the autobiographical passages of this book reveal a stubborn belief in the importance of what he was doing even during the wilderness years when scarcely anybody else saw any merit in the questions he was asking. "I told you so" is not a naturally Hamiltonian phrase, but we can read it between the lines of his account of obscure and frustrating early years in Cambridge and London.

Recognition has now come. Others, in their thousands, are tramping Hamilton's original narrow roads into broad highways of Kuhnian normal science. Still a prophet but no longer without honour, Hamilton is cutting new trails through the Brazilian jungle and through mathematical gene land. Still alone perhaps, but only in the sense of being without peer.

Hamilton's papers are not easy, and this is not a book that even professionals will necessarily read from cover to cover. But the autobiographical notes form a narrative that can be read on its own: when we have acquired a taste for Hamilton's uniquely personal style, we shall recognise snatches of it as we flick over the papers themselves which will lure us in to make the worthwhile effort. Who, after all, could resist a paper called *Gamblers since Life Began: Barnacles, Aphids, Elms*?

Imagine — as Hamilton has probably written somewhere — a world without islands. Islands are not just small pieces of land surrounded by water. They are small pieces of anything surrounded by whatever serves as a barrier to animal or plant dispersal. To a fish, a lake is an island of water surrounded by land. In the world of the yellow bellied marmot, mountaintops can form an archipelago of islands jutting out of the plain. Islands, and the consequences of their existence, are the subject of David Quammen's *The Song of the Dodo*.

A world without islands would be sterile. The *Heaven* of Rupert Brooke's fish ("There shall be no more land, say fish") would not be fly-replete, would be destitute of fish themselves. An undissected waterscape, or landscape, deprives gene pools of the opportunity to diverge and form new species. Your ancestors and snail ancestors were once races of the same precambrian species. *But for some vanished* barrier between two seas they would be interbreeding still, and evolution could not have progressed. Islands, in the broad sense and on the evolutionary timescale, are the spawning grounds of new species.

No wonder islands inspired both Charles Darwin and the co-discoverer of his principle, Alfred Wallace. No wonder islands provoked one of the most influential collaborations of modern ecology, between Edward O. Wilson and the *late Robert MacArthur*. Quammen gripes against Darwin but the others in this list are his heroes, together with a large collection of young, mostly American, field ecologists for whom he caddies across their various archipelagoes around the world.

NARROW ROADS OF GENELAND
By W. D. Hamilton
W. H. Freeman, £40
ISBN 0 7167 4551 8

THE SONG OF THE DODO
By David Quammen
Hutchinson, £20
ISBN 0 09 180196 6

You don't have to be American to enjoy this book, but it might help. Quammen's baseball-hatted cast are forever indulging in that pecular affectation of American field biologists of both sexes, the "real tough" language of the farm boy. A snake expert dons an old gardening glove because "I don't like being bit".

Never mind, it is all the more touching when one of these scientific tough guys breaks down in tears when one of his favourite islands is laid waste to make a caravan site for Florida sunseekers. Quammen himself gives us a moving elegy for Bedo, boy naturalist of the Madagascar jungles, murdered out of jealousy for his professional success as peerless guide to the world's lemur watchers.

This is, finally, a moving book. It passes from evolution to that other aspect of island faunas, their vulnerability to extinction. Quammen's quest took him to the world's islands and archipelagoes, not to take a last look at the Komodo dragon or the Mauritius kestrel, but to talk to the experts about *why* they may go extinct. There is an elaborate theory of island biogeography, of the mathematical equilibrium between colonisation and extinction. There are tough-talking controversies between rival island biogeographers.

Quammen listened patiently to them all. He is a science *journalist who does not duck* the responsibility to convey the complexities of his subject. The book is longer than I would have advised, but David Quammen is a good writer who has taken the trouble to master an important subject and do it justice.

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In Clapham's olive groves

Jasper Rees

AFTER HANNIBAL
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Mrs Radcliffe was the first novelist to take the English reader to Italy, which she painted as a craggy chamber of horrors. Never mind that she never actually came to see for herself. Those who did — Forster, James et al — developed a more genuflecting relationship with the peninsula. Nowadays, far from hymning the olive press, the English novel is once more determined to give Italy a bad press. Writers with residential connections like Tim Parks, Michael Dibdin and even John Mortimer saw what Peter Mayle did to Provence, and started shouting from the terracotta rooftops about Italy's black underbelly — *pour décourager les autres*.

The latest novelist to migrate south is Barry Unsworth, doubtless fuelled by the spoils of Booker triumph. No sooner had he relocated to Umbria (Clapham to Tuscany's Chelsea) than he was cauterising his experiences onto the page. Needless to say, the Umbria he envisions in *After Hannibal* is like one of those medieval depictions of hell, populated by saturnine lawyers, cunning *contadini* and incompetent builders.

Corruption is rife, grim memories abound of internecine bloodletting, and over all hangs the perpetual threat of earthquake. If you're thinking of investing in a farmhouse in Italy's green heart, read this novel first — and then buy a bombshelter in Lebanon.

It's not simply on the contoured logistics of acquiring property that Unsworth seeks to dwell. His Umbrian arrivistes are as emotionally crocked and cracked as the house purchased by his two elderly Americans (whose heartbreaking innocence is semaphored in their surname: Green). This ragbag of incomers all come here in search of healing, but if life has not already broken them, it becomes apparent that it will. The homosexual ex-racing driver is soon swindled by his younger lover. History is repeated when a specialist in Perugia's gory past is betrayed by his wife. The English couple are rent apart by a spat with the local peasantry. The German ex-interpreter clears his brambly land, as if to rake over the memory of his father's Nazism.

They all live along a *strada vicinale*, one of those poorly maintained by-roads which services the properties in the hills. Unsworth understands its power as an image of the random unions forced on us, but for quite such a morass of tragedy to be collected along one unasphalted track seems extremely convenient. The author is playing God here, but he does so rather less subtly than his wonderfully serpentine lawyer Mancini plays the devil.



Unsworth: Umbrian discontent

Oddly, given his nationality, this particular creator is much better at drawing elegant, complicated Italians than oafish, venial Englishmen. In trying to make a linguistic distinction between locals and foreigners, he makes the Brits speak their own tongue as if in a bad translation. No wonder Chapman, one of the Anglos who starts arguing with the locals, drives his wife away: he has the fictional character's insufferable habit of telling her things she already knows. As for Blemish, the *soi-disant* "project manager" who slyly destroys the Greens' home, his villainy is pure pantomime.

As characters, both are worthlessly slight. Aside from making them talk on stilts, Unsworth can signal his disapproval only by blinding them to the splendour of the local frescoes. This is a guess, but their inclusion looks like a private act of vengeance on some neighbourly compatriots whose ghastliness has blighted the author's Umbrian idyll. They've probably never read a book in their lives and certainly won't break the habit with *After Hannibal*. But that's no reason why anyone else should avoid a slowly satisfying excavation of the way personality is altered and en-

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John Bayley on a vivid evocation of an alternative life for one of our greatest poets: would New England have been his paradise found?

Even old Ocean smiled upon him

MILTON IN AMERICA
By Peter Ackroyd
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The "ifs" of history can have their frivolous as well as their serious side. At King Charles's restoration in 1660, the former Foreign Office secretary Mr John Milton was in some danger of his life. During the uncertain interim between Cromwell's death and Charles's triumphant return he had manfully produced an optimistic pamphlet entitled *A Ready and Easie Way to Establish a Free Commonwealth*.

He was a well-known fanatic for the "Good Old Cause" of Independents and Free Churches. His friends besought him to go into hiding, while the crafty General Monk, outwitting his own military rivals, set about "obeying" the popular clamour for "a free parliament". "Freedom", of various sorts and with varied ends in view, was very much in the air of that time.

As it happened, Milton need not have worried. Supple and influential men, including his old colleague and fellow-poet, Andrew Marvell, put in a word for him. The new regime wisely decided to take no notice of the old blind Samson and leave him to get on with his yearningly allegorical play and epic. But suppose he had determined, as many like-minded men and women of the time were doing, to take ship for the colonies, for New England and a new world? How would he have fared out there, and what would he have done?

This is the question that Peter Ackroyd addresses in an altogether splendid and visionary conjuration of Puritan New England, with Milton taking a hand in its politics and religion. More concise and sardonic than *Hawksmoor* and *Chatterton*, Ackroyd's previous novels in the same original vein, and even more mysteriously brilliant, *Milton in America* fills the reader's mind with images of extraordinary vividness: of the New World and its effect on men's eyes and hearts; of the authority of the dedicated and high-minded artist; of poetry and politics and belief and their ambiguous relationship.

The story is told mostly by the poet himself, assisted by his foil, disciple, and in some degree Sancho Panza, the boy Goosequill. With its echoes of *Paradise Lost* and the prose writings, the voice of Milton himself is astonishingly and successfully ventriloquial. But the tale begins with a more impersonal narration of the travellers' first landfall, a masterpiece of poetic and factual realisation.

The barque *Gabriel* is in light airs off Cape Ann, with the blind poet grown so sensitive during the long sea voyage to any prospective change of wind or course that even the captain — a godly mun — defers to him. "He had, in his blindness, visualised the entire map of this region so that it had assumed full shape and volume in his mind; he could touch each bay or coast, and New England lay before him like a sleeper ready to awake."

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Milton escapes from history

Although so close, however, a sailing vessel's helplessness before vagaries of weather is well illustrated by abrupt misfortune, as abrupt as that which befell the poet's Satan as he voyaged towards Eden from the summit of Hell. They are blown past the mouth of what would become Boston harbour, and wrecked on the rocky shores. They all survive, however, and are presently welcomed by the pious inhabitants, such as Preserved Cotton and Seaborn Jervis, who "was reborn on the our crossing of the ocean, issuing anew through the navel of Christ". A mite confused by these local peculiarites, Milton addresses the pious fellow as "Mr Seaborn" and is gently corrected: speech and custom are rendered by Ackroyd in a manner that is totally convincing, and at the same time exquisitely funny.

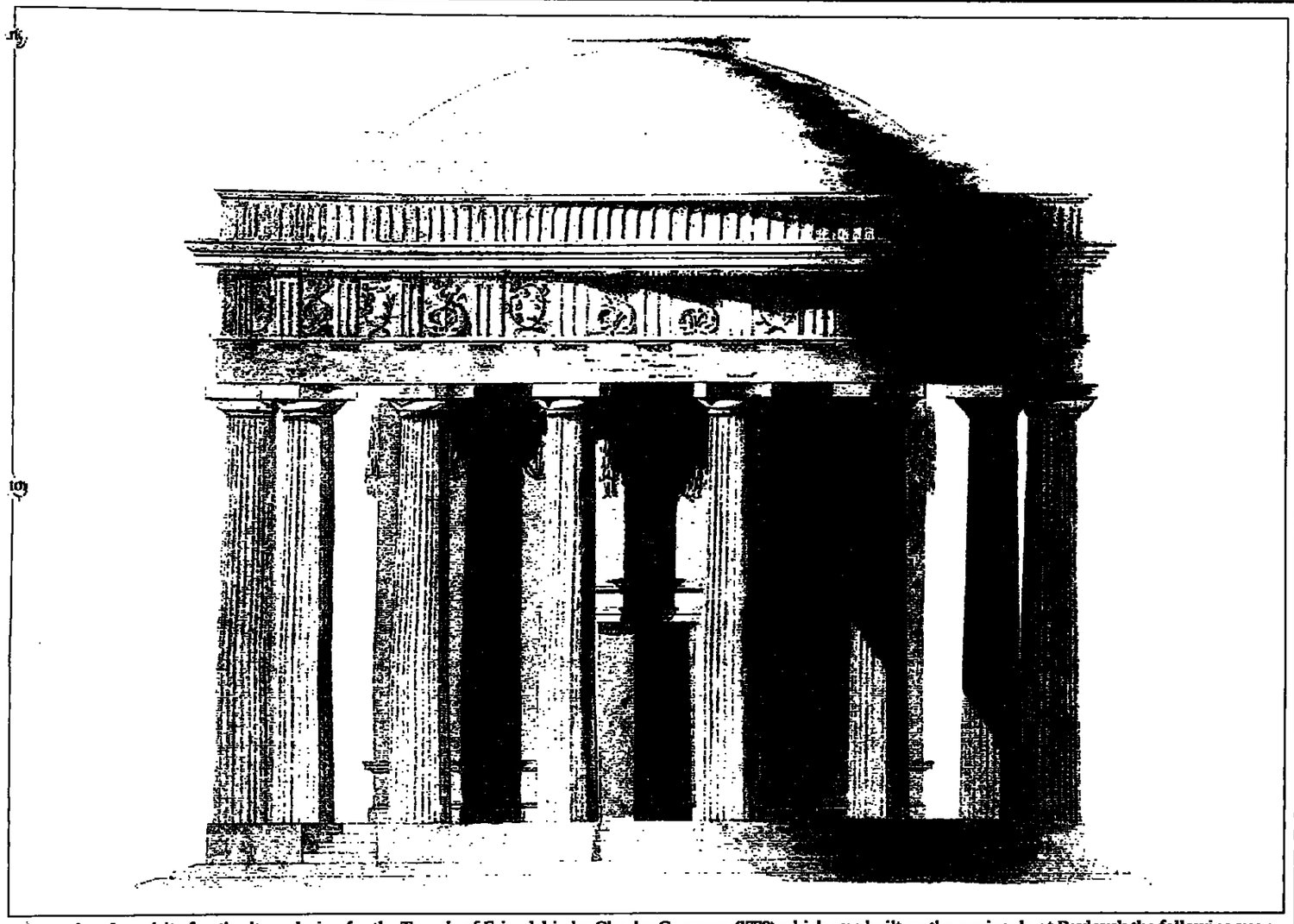
Already well-known among the elect as he is, Milton's natural authority imposes itself on the local population, who before long are cheating the Indians to buy land for a fresh settlement, unanimously voted to be called New Milton. But the serpent in Eden soon declares itself. A courteous but roistering band of immigrants from Virginia arrives, and proves — horror of horrors — to adhere to the old Roman Catholic faith. They wear gay clothes and are accompanied by priests, and even by images of the Virgin Mary. Their leader, Kempis, is all civility to a famous poet and a blind man, and he is confident that the two communities can live in peace side by side.

But Milton is having none of that. Soon there is war in heaven, and after a prolonged struggle in which fortune and diabolic papist ingenuity sway success first to one side and then the other, the Puritans overcome their enemies and massacre or drive them out. For the moment Milton's cause has succeeded, and "the true old enthusiasric breed" (so described by King Charles II's favourite poet, Samuel Butler) is victorious. But their enemies, though worsted, will always return.

The fantasy is amazingly powerful, as if *Paradise Lost* really had been enacted in the New World. One may doubt of course whether a thoroughgoing humanist like Milton, steeped in secular culture, would really have felt at home in the pious atmosphere of 17th-century New England.

But he would certainly have made his mark there, for good or ill, and in one way or another. Devoted to language and to poetry as he is, Ackroyd worships its glories on both sides of the political divide, but there are hints that he would himself have been happier if the sons of Belial had played a larger and more genial part in founding New England's culture.

Would Milton himself have been the first American poet? There is no reason why not: though the author has a quiet joke by mentioning his meeting with a young American who has already written an epic poem about the new continent, which he intends to call *Paradise Regained*.



Capturing the spirit of antiquity: a design for the Temple of Friendship by Charles Cameron (1779) which was built on the peninsula at Pavlovsk the following year

How to enchant an empress

Bruce Boucher

THE EMPRESS AND THE ARCHITECT
British Architecture and Gardens at the Court of Catherine the Great
By Dimitri Shvidkovsky
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Superficially, Charles Cameron (1740-1811) enjoyed a glittering architectural career. The son of a carpenter, he used his skills in drawing as an escape route from the humble world of a London craftsman; the obligatory period in Italy led to a book on the Roman baths, followed by a call to serve the Russian Empress, Catherine the Great.

Although Cameron had never built anything before his arrival in St Petersburg in 1780, he soon embarked upon a succession of buildings and landscapes that transformed the role of house and park in Russia. In particular, his interiors displayed such a combination of erudition and enchantment as to place Cameron among the most imaginative architects of the Neo-Classical period.

There was, however, a downside to all this. Cameron was secretive and enigmatic, even appropriating an aristocratic pedigree in his quest for preferment. His extravagance and overbearing nature won him enemies at court and provoked endless investigations into his building accounts. He spent the latter part of Catherine's reign in limbo and managed to alienate her son, the Grand Duke Paul, as well.

Finaly rehabilitated in the reign of Alexander I, he lost interest in his great projects, accomplishing little before his death. Evidently, Cameron's life was strewn with obstacles, many of which were the result of an obstinate personality; yet his early years in Russia witnessed a remarkable outpouring of architectural genius, works which his rival Quarenghi justly pronounced "as splendid as they are original".

Dimitri Shvidkovsky's *The Empress and the Architect* chronicles the extraordinary career of Charles Cameron in Russia, focusing upon his two greatest achievements, the additions to Catherine's retreat, Tsarskoye Selo, and the estate of Pavlovsk. His patroness wanted to create "a Graeco-Roman Rhapsody" and gave Cameron the financial backing to turn his dreams of antiquity into reality.

His suite of rooms and gallery at Tsarskoye Selo were novel recreations of a Classical ambience, bold in their combination of colours and rare marbles as well as making use of modern materials like porcelain and Chinese lacquer. His juxtaposition of unexpected spaces, vaults and domes reflected his study of the Roman baths as interpreted by Palladio and Clerisseau.

The Grand Duke's estate at Pavlovsk offered an even greater opportunity to design a Palladian villa embedded in a picturesque landscape, and Cameron moulded house and grounds together so brilliantly that the latter were mistakenly believed to be the work of "Capability" Brown.

Like Palladio or Robert Adam, Cameron realised that modern architecture could never achieve greatness simply by imitating Classical motifs; instead, it had to recapture the spirit of antiquity, which often meant bending the rules in order to transcend them. Whether planning an aviary or a staircase, Cameron brought flair and a meticulous knowledge of design to his task, and the results were rarely less than remarkable. His sensitivity to site made his garden architecture intensely poetic, as 19th-century views of Pavlovsk attest.

Shvidkovsky is well placed to assess Cameron's work, for he knows the buildings intimately and seems equally at home with Russian and English Neo-Classicism. His illustrations vividly evoke Cameron's works and their original context, making this one of the most beautiful books on architecture to appear in recent years.

The Empress of his title may not dominate the pages of Shvidkovsky's book, but the force of her personality comes through in anecdotes and the begging letters sent by her thirty-something son, who was chronically short of funds for Pavlovsk. "One must suppose," Catherine replied to one of them, "that you are being constantly robbed and are therefore in need although you lack nothing."

Hail to the Prince of a new Europe

Peter Stothard on Machiavelli's Livy and its message for today

DISCOURSES ON LIVY
By Niccolo Machiavelli
Translated by Harvey C. Mansfield and Nathan Tarcow
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Early in the 16th century Machiavelli made some firm points about a European Union. The maximum number of member states was "12 or 14", he wrote. As the union expanded, it would inevitably become less aggressive. But it would also become sluggish, slow to make decisions and prey to external influence; it might even "serve in the military for others and take pay from this or that prince".

We can only speculate about what modern Europe's first political scientist would think of the continent today. He would certainly be pleased that Italy itself was united: one of Machiavelli's most frequent complaints was the fragmentation of the land that had once launched the Roman Empire. He would be amazed at the trust that individual EU members place in German honesty and restraint: neither word belonged to his lexicon of great nations. He would be equally astonished at the brutal successes of wars in the name of morality and Christian ideals. The preparedness of American princes to spend money on European influence would be well understood: but surely such men and such a country would not still believe in the enfeebling creed of Christianity?

The reader may well stop here and ask who cares what a long dead and famously amoral Italian might have thought of us. Students of Machiavelli read him now for what he tells them of the Renaissance and not what he tells them about the EU or themselves. Few even read the work under review here and from which the opening quotation comes. They stick to *The Prince*, the tyrant's charter which, by giving only a partial account of its author's thought, has made Machiavellian a longtime adjective of abuse.

As is clear from his *Discourses on Livy*, Machiavelli had, in fact, no fixed idea of the best way to run a state. He did not see virtue only in devious autocrats. He also admired republican governments, balanced constitutions and separation of powers. What Machiavelli insisted upon was an honest appreciation of what worked. What he despised was self-delusion.

In Livy's account of the origins of Rome Machiavelli found the examples that he needed both to praise politicians of the past and to inspire success in future. Machiavelli also found in Livy the means to inspire scholars for five centuries. Within the *Discourses*, often hidden and sometimes unintended by their author, lie the seeds of modern political thought.

Livy's original portraits of Roman heroes were written with lasting power. The raped Lucretia, the fratricidal Romulus and the heroic Horatius on his bridge have long been the stories best remembered by temporary and unwilling students of Latin. It was character, the rise and fall of good and bad leaders, that drove Livy's drama. Were the tales true? Even by the standards of his time, Livy was no sceptic about his sources. Machiavelli was no better. Neither had an interest in challenging useful facts; both believed that human character was essentially unchanging.

What Machiavelli wanted to show was that human character had been too often misunderstood and its lessons misapplied. What he also showed was something more profound. By shaking the classical sense of how characters lead societies back and forth between good and bad governance, he made it possible to believe in much more radical, irreversible changes. After Machiavelli the pendulum never fell back.

Countless writers have been fascinated by Machiavelli's own swings between republican and princely virtue, between Christian and pagan vice. Hegel and Rousseau were typical in concentrating on the thoughts of Machiavelli that were closest to their own. In the 1950s Isaiah Berlin turned the very inconsistency into a virtue, invoking Machiavelli as a prophet of tolerance, as a proof that no one view of good government should ever prevail.

Does a new translation of the *Discourses* suggest that there is more to be thought and said? Mansfield and Tarcow are both American academics. Their translation is careful and idiomatic, less Anglo-Saxon than Leslie Walker's almost 50-year-old version which introduced this reviewer to the text. Their introduction may alarm some sensitive purchasers by promising "to mark the four-star attractions that tourists will want to visit repeatedly". Tourists should not, however, be discouraged.

Livy and Machiavelli, both separately and together, are suitable tracts for our times. Livy's work was written while Rome was passing from Republic to Empire, an age like our own when peace had produced stability and prosperity along with doubt, antiquarianism and some carefully directed nostalgia. Its 142 books were quickly lost (only the richest and most learned could fit Livy in their libraries) and needed an early renaissance at another transitional time in Europe: the end of the 4th century when Christian authority was crushing the last Romans whom Livy might have recognised as his own. Machiavelli began his own work on Livy at a still more pivotal point in European thought, when the political authority of Pope and Emperor, joint inheritors of Livy's Rome, was collapsing before his eyes.

All over Europe today people are looking back into their pasts for lost certainties. Those who want to understand the nationalist spirit of Livy should heed too the spirit of Machiavelli's Livy, its intelligence, its courage, its inconsistencies and the author's humbling half-comprehension of where his ideas would lead.

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Scathing poetry of the mourning thing

Bel Mooney

WRONGFUL DEATH
By Sandra M. Gilbert
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IN HIS definitive book, *The World of Mystery Fiction*, Elliot Gilbert, Professor of English at the University of California, Davis, offers this insight: "A work of detective fiction is . . . constructed to lead up to the revealing of some previously hidden truth. Since anything that follows this revelation tends to be an anticlimax, the actual business of converting that truth into action — into, say, the capture and punishment of the criminal and the 'healing' of society — is often left as a kind of afterthought for the last few paragraphs of a story . . . [But] there's no necessary connection between the ability to discover knowledge and the ability to apply it."

Wrongful Death — the story of Professor Gilbert's own last days and their aftermath — itself reads like a detective story, without the "resolution" of some form of promised retribution. On February 10, 1991, Professor Gilbert went into the medical centre of his own university for routine prostate surgery. Twenty-four hours later he was dead, leaving his wife and family shocked and devastated — [illegible] angry and bitter at the way they were treated by the doctors. There are hundreds of families who believe their bereavement to be the result of medical malpractice. They are not blessed with the gift of language like Elliot Gilbert's wife, Sandra M. Gilbert — the poet, Professor of English Literature and distinguished literary critic.

Denied a proper explanation for her husband's death, forced to accept what she considers an inadequate settlement of her lawsuit again[illegible] the Medical Department, she has done what her friend Toni Morrison called "the mourning thing". She has flayed those whose apparent carelessness caused her husband to die. Thus she speaks for all those other, silent victims of the doctors' old boys' network, not to mention those caught in the labyrinthine complexities of the law — which may have the "knowledge", but for reasons which seem largely to be political, cannot apply it to the satisfaction of the bereaved family.

In the first chapter, Sandra Gilbert sums up the case she will enlarge on: ". . . my husband didn't die from a 'heart attack'. On the contrary he died of medical neglect: indeed he might have died because someone in the recovery room failed to get the results of a simple blood test. Failed, in other words, to notice that amidst the efficient bustle of a modern recovery room, in a major American medical center — indeed a teaching hospital — while my daughters and I were dutifully picking at the restaurant dinner the doctor had told us to go out and eat, my husband was in truly mortal danger."

THE SURGEON in question was a Dr Ralph W. deVere White, and this book must make shaming reading for him. He comes across not only as a cavalier "stage Irishman" with a line in evasive blarney, but as a man who could actually say of his patient "he was terminating" — meaning "he was dying". He has the insolence to tell Sandra Gilbert, by the body of her dead husband, that although his death is "unpleasant and awful" for her, for him it is "shattering". Why? Because he feels guilty? Or because that's the way they still train surgeons — to leave their humanity pickled somewhere in the medics' dissection room?

The story descends to the level of black farce when Sandra Gilbert is then offered a glass of water and handed a folder labelled "Bereavement Package" by a woman wearing a badge identifying her as from the "Office of Decedent Services".

Every year more than one in a hundred Americans admitted to hospital will suffer from the terrible effects of medical malpractice. Through her complex analysis of legal and medical questions, Sandra Gilbert demonstrates convincingly how vulnerable we all are to the power of the medical establishment.

But *Wrongful Death* is more than that: it is a gripping whodunnit, a passionate polemic, a beautifully written narrative which employs time shifts worthy of any modern novel and a profound account of grief. Both tough and tender, it epitomises Elizabeth Barrett Browning's lines: "Weep and write./ A curse from the depths of womanhood/ Is very salt and bitter, and good."

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Bereaved families to sue over Cyprus drownings

By Kathryn Knight

BRITISH tourists, who lost family or friends in drowning accidents off a notorious stretch of the Cyprus coast, are to sue their travel companies claiming the firms failed to warn them about potential holiday hazards.

Six Britons are among at least a dozen people, including locals, who have drowned in the popular resort of Paphos, in southwest Cyprus, in the past few years.

Eighteen months ago three Scottish holidaymakers, David and Moira Haldane and their friend Margot Bryson drowned only minutes after going for a swim near their hotel in Helios Bay, Paphos.

In May this year Frederick Blagg, a retired police superintendent, died in the same bay when he was swept underwater by powerful currents only moments after wading in. And two other British tourists have drowned in the area in the past four months.

Now some of the bereaved want compensation, claiming they were not warned about the sea in that area and the risks posed by swimming. Peter Watson, the solicitor who is acting for John Bryson and the Haldanes' children, Diane and John, is preparing a writ for negligence on their tour operator First Choice, formerly Olympic.

"These holidays are sold as beach-based," he said. "It's not chance that holidaymakers will go in the water, it's the reason they're there. You should not sell a swimming holiday when the swimming poses risks unless you are prepared to bring those risks to their attention."

Wendy Blagg has also begun legal action against Thomsom. She said there was a sign in English warning holidaymakers not to go in the sea if it was rough, but the sea was calm: "There was no mention of the currents in Thomson's brochure, and the rep at the resort didn't say anything. All we needed to know was that caution was needed even on the calmest days. Holiday companies have a responsibility to point that out."

The British High Commission in Nicosia said fatalities had run into dozens in the area in the past few years and warned tourists to take extra care. But a spokeswoman for the Cyprus Tourist Board said all public beaches in Cyprus had lifeguards and a flag system to warn holidaymakers when the sea was rough, although many non-municipal beaches were popular with tourists. "Strong currents can be a freak of nature," she said. "However, we are always looking at ways we can improve safety."

First Choice Holiday said it now gave a general warning about the dangers of sea bathing: "When we're aware of known hazards we will also try and bring them to holidaymakers' attention." Thomson said it was looking into criticisms raised to ensure that safety provision was adequate.

Skiing: the shape of things to come

By Graham Duffill

POLICE patrols on the ski slopes to combat uncontrolled speeders, drunks and thieves could become the norm, the 1997 edition of *The Good Skiing Guide* claims today.

Aspen in Colorado was the first to introduce uniformed officers on skis two years ago, and the Italian resort of Courmayeur brought them to Europe for the first time last winter. Two officers were on duty at any one time and, although their arrest record was almost non-existent, cases of ski thefts fell from 37 to just one.

The guide also predicts that the changing face of skiing will see adults wearing helmets, until now the preserve of racers and children, but first seen in America last season. "Ten years ago the average cyclist would have scoffed at the idea of wearing a helmet but now would not set off without one," its authors, Peter Hardy and Felice Eyston, say.

The Austrian village of Lech sets an example for the future with its policy of limiting the maximum number of skiers on any day to 14,000. "We skied there on the busiest weekend of the year and never had to wait more than five minutes for a lift. It is disappointing that other overcrowded resorts have not seen fit to follow its example."

But, in the long run, expense may solve the problem: "Skiing in the main Alpine countries is now so expensive that there is a danger of travel firms and resorts pricing themselves out of the bidding," says the guide.

Prices have inflated dramatically in France, less so in Switzerland, while Austria is marginally cheaper, the guide's authors say.

The twin success stories were Italy and Canada, which both had low prices and excellent snow conditions.

The guide strikes a note of caution for both countries, however. Tour operators renegotiating rates with Canadian hoteliers for this coming winter found them asking up to 30 per cent more, especially in Whistler. "A combination of greed and a slow strengthening of the Canadian dollar threatens the Canadian success story," the guide says.

Italy has enjoyed two seasons of bountiful snow but they should not be regarded as the norm, as several disastrous years in the 1980s showed. Prices there have risen by only 3 to 5 per cent.

The British ski market is in better shape than at any time since the beginning of the 1980s and there is a rejuvenated interest in winter holidays, particularly because of the growth of snowboarding.

Gatwick sheds 'bucket and spade' image

By Harvey Elliott

HOLIDAY airlines are being squeezed out of Gatwick during the most popular times of the day as the airport loses its "bucket and spade" image.

Charter airlines are also being pressured, sometimes with the help of a cash "sweetener", to switch their flights to Stansted or other regional airports and allow international scheduled airlines to take over the most popular take-off and landing slots.

Gatwick had become known as Britain's main package holiday airport dominated by charter flights, especially during the peak holiday season. And scheduled airlines had struggled to survive at the airport, which was often bypassed by businessmen who headed to Heathrow to find a bigger choice of scheduled flights and to avoid the backpackers and holidaymakers.

But now Gatwick, which will handle 26 million passengers this year, is becoming known as an international "hub" which this year will, for the first time, handle more scheduled services than holiday charter flights.

While the number of charters has fallen by 10 per cent in the past 12 months, the number of scheduled services has risen by 15 per cent.

The demand for more Gatwick services, however, has meant that the airport is now full for much of the day, especially during the morning and evening peaks. As the fight to find a suitable slot intensifies, so scheduled airlines are going to ever-greater lengths to persuade charters to hand them over.

"Slot allocation is supposed to be open and controlled through a committee," said one airline official. "But to obtain a slot at the right time, scheduled carriers are grabbing ones which they may have no intention of using, then arranging to swap them for others at more popular times — and handing over money to make it worthwhile for the smaller chap."

Eric Lomas, the airport's managing director, said: "It is now very difficult to get a commercially acceptable slot for two thirds of the day, and between 0600 and noon the airport is full.

"It is already difficult for new charters to get in and we are encouraging them to think of moving to Stansted."

British Airways alone has moved hundreds of scheduled flights from Heathrow to Gatwick and more are to make the switch within the next few months. Last year BA had 700 scheduled flights a week carrying under two million passengers. This year the numbers grew to 900 flights and six million passengers and next year there will be more than 1,000 scheduled BA flights each week from Gatwick.

Most significant, however, has been the rapid growth in the number of transfer passengers — people changing planes and helping to turn Gatwick into an international "hub". Two years ago, fewer than 17 per cent of passengers changed at Gatwick; this year it is 35 per cent.

BA is to move its Latin America services to Gatwick, together with flights to Barcelona, Helsinki, Oporto, Lisbon and Glasgow. Other airlines, such as Alitalia and Iberia, are also moving in and the long-haul scheduled airlines are applying for landing rights or abandoning their own plans to move to Heathrow.

Travel firms cash in on the football boom

By Tony Dawe

AS THE England football team flies to Moldavia at the start of a two-year campaign to qualify for the 1998 World Cup finals, travel firms are cashing in on the fresh enthusiasm for the game.

They are offering an increasing number of packages not only to see the national *and club sides play in Europe* but to watch top Italian, Spanish and Dutch games. In a unique deal, one firm has even teamed up with a Premiership club to offer business as well as sports travel to the companies which support the club.

Phoenix Travel, a leading independent company, has set up the Sky Blue Travel agency with Coventry City in the hope of benefiting from sponsors' loyalty to the club, nicknamed the "Sky Blues" because of the colour of their kit.

"The club has 400 corporate sponsors and some of them will spend hundreds of thousands of pounds on business travel," David Claydon, the new company's sales director says.

"We are trying to get that business by pointing out that the companies will be helping the club they support as well as getting a good service."

Sky Blue Travel is already handling the team's travel arrangements and looks after trips abroad by its overseas stars such as Peter Ndlovu of Zimbabwe to play for their countries, and by officials scouting for more foreign talent.

"Supporters who go to see away games are looked after by Coventry City's own travel club but if instead of struggling against relegation the team could get into Europe then we would step in to arrange travel for fans as well as players and officials," Claydon adds.

Several travel firms are already offering one and two-day tours to European cities to tie in with the first matches being played in European competitions this season by Manchester United, Newcastle United, Liverpool, Arsenal and Aston Villa.

GEORGE HERRINGSHAW



Sky Blue Travel arranges overseas trips for Coventry City's Zimbabwean star Peter Ndlovu

Firms including Italiatour and David Dryer Sports Tours also provide packages for less xenophobic fans to see the best matches in the Italian *Serie A* league. "The way forward for niche companies like ours is to spread our network to cover more events all over the world," Mr Dryer says.

"There is a growing market for trips to the San Siro stadium, Milan, to the Nou Camp to see Barcelona play and to the New Stadium, Amsterdam, to watch Ajax but there is also interest in other sports."

Mr Dryer's company is about to launch regular four-day packages to New York to take in major basketball and ice hockey matches at Madison Square Garden and is negotiating to become the official tour operator for the new Olympic sport of beach volleyball.

"There is a very big market for the fan who once a year wants to watch football in Italy, a big fight in the United States or tennis in Paris," Mr Dryer adds.

Sports such as cricket and rugby, in addition to football, already have their travelling armies of fans and even after the England team's Test defeat by Pakistan this week companies including Sport Abroad and Mike Burton Sports Travel expect hundreds of fans to take up their packages combining holidays with England's winter Test matches in Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Historic sailing trip down the Suez

By John Roberts

FOR THE first time since the Suez Canal opened in 1869, a major sailing ship is due to pass along the 101-mile canal on a commercial voyage.

In November, *Star Flyer*, which with her 360ft sister *Star Clipper* are the first sailing ships to be registered *at Lloyd's since 1911, is due to* make the historic journey. The luxury sail-cruising ship will be on an epic 32-day trip from Rhodes to Phuket where she will be based for winter cruising between Thailand and Singapore from November to April.

The voyage is already a sell-out, with the 150 passengers paying £2,685 each and another 100 on the waiting list. Some spaces remain, however, for the return trip in April.

It was the canal opening which brought the beginning of the end to sailing ships, the same year ironically in which the *Cutty Sark* was launched.

The canal's opening meant that steamers could cut a week off the journey to the East while the clippers still had to sail round the Cape of Good Hope. In November the *Star Flyer* will be able to navigate the canal using her motors before reverting to sail for the trip to Thailand via Aden, Cochin, Galle and the Andaman islands.

Michael Kraft, the Swedish owner of the ships, says: "We are confident of succeeding because we are going to some of the most beautiful places in the world. They are yachting sanctuaries rather than cruise ports."

In Singapore the ship moors at the Yacht Club instead of the Cruise Centre and a special pier is being built at Phuket for tenders that will be sent ashore when she anchors off Patong beach.

Seven-night cruise-only holidays will start from £945 plus port taxes, the same rate now charged for Kraft's Caribbean and Mediterranean cruises, and from £1,500 to £3,350 for 15 and 16-night cruises.

Can 'smartcards' save beleaguered duty-frees?

By Harvey Elliott

PLANS to issue millions of "smartcards" to European holidaymakers and businessmen are being drawn up as part of a last-ditch attempt to prevent the abolition of duty-free sales.

The European Commission has ruled that the concessions must end by June 1999 and condemned the existing voluntary policing methods used by member states to prevent abuses. It claimed that thousands of passengers were buying duty-free goods both in the airport and again on the aircraft itself, making a mockery of the allowance agreed by all European members.

Now the travel and duty-free industries have produced a series of schemes which they hope will satisfy the European Commission that sales can be controlled effectively.

Favourite is the development of an electronic smartcard. A tiny microchip would be loaded with details of each passenger, including passport number or identity card details and the duty-free allowance to which they were entitled. These would be distributed to anyone who contemplated buying duty-free. Tills would be programmed to "read" the cards and prevent anyone from exceeding their allowance, and a record would be kept of what was bought by each passenger.

Another proposal is to abandon the sale of duty-free goods on aircraft and instead to compensate airlines by giving them a share of the profits of goods sold at airports.

Florida is top of the pops

By Steve Keenan

FLORIDA is continuing its summer surge in popularity through to the winter, with bookings up by more than 50 per cent on 1995-96. This demand has seen sales rise by 27 per cent, the biggest rise in any mainstream destination and largely due to operators putting on more capacity.

With long-haul holidays in general in great demand, the Caribbean is also doing well with more than double the number of sunseekers booked by the end of July.

Across the board, winter bookings are up 28 per cent over last year as thousands of Britons, unable to get the summer holiday of their choice, opt for a winter sun holiday instead.

Paul Wedgwood, commercial product manager at Thomas Cook, said: "Some people have felt they were left out of the summer activity where there were fewer holidays available and higher prices than they expected. Some are transferring their holidays to winter."

To the end of July, nearly three quarters of a million people had booked a winter sun or skiing holiday, compared with 570,000 at the same time last year. Figures for July bookings alone were up 39 per cent.

Apart from Florida, the biggest winners this summer have been Italy, up 11 per cent, and Turkey, up 9 per cent. The biggest losers have been Cyprus and the Greek Islands (-24 per cent); the Canary Islands and France (-16), Portugal (-14) and the Balearic Islands (-13).

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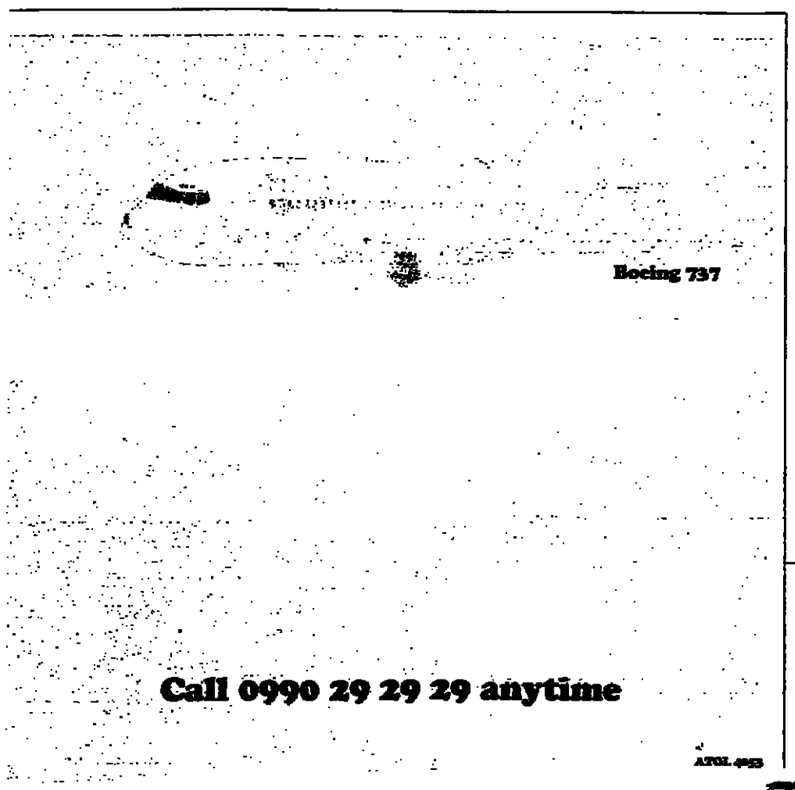
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Tourism boost for the Borders



The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Few parts of Britain have been as badly affected by events beyond their control as the Lowlands of Scotland. The BSE scare, the decline in the fishing fleet and the near collapse of the woollen industry have driven a stake through the heart of the local economy.

There are gloomy faces all around the Borders as mills in towns such as Hawick and Jedburgh lay off staff or even close down, farmers struggle to find new export markets for their prime cattle and fishermen angrily denounce the marauding factory ships over the horizon.

But throughout the region there is a fierce determination to develop the tourism industry. The Scottish Borders Tourist Board is doing more than any to attract visitors — especially Sassenachs.

So I decided to take a weekend break just north of Berwick-upon-Tweed to see what was happening in an area which had tempted me for years, but in which I had never stayed. It was a part of the country everyone seemed to rush through on their way to the Highlands but one which had hidden attractions.

I discovered an area of unspoilt rolling countryside, a plethora of history and culture, rivers filled with salmon and trout, fields of strutting pheasant, excellently maintained and yet incredibly quiet roads, and hundreds of grand old houses, castles and abbeys. Those big old properties are now becoming the basis on which the tourism industry is being built. Small companies, private individuals or couples with an eye for a bargain are now buying up those still on the market and converting them into country house hotels with rooms at a fraction of the price of similar accommodation in England.

We stayed, for example, at Chirnside Hall, a 160-year-old stone-built country house hotel at the end of a long drive, 15 minutes' drive from Berwick. It was bought last year by Glaswegians Alan and Karla White, a newly-wed couple of 33 and 23 respectively who persuaded banks and other investors to lend them £400,000 to gut and refurbish the old hotel, fill its ten bedrooms with antiques and fine furniture, and create one of the best menus north of the Border. A three-night weekend break costs £130 including dinner, bed and breakfast.

Brothers David and Graham Grose from Devon have meanwhile invested more than £1 million in the run-down Dryburgh Abbey Hotel alongside the Tweed to provide a centre for shooting and walking and have now created one of the favourite destinations for wedding parties. There are many similar examples throughout the region.

Even the Ministry of Defence has agreed to reduce the amount of military low flying after deciding that the area had been subjected to "more than a reasonable share" of screaming jets.

But not everything is as rosy. In April, the new unitary authority now responsible for running the area's museums arbitrarily decided that to save money they should be closed one day a week. Despairing tourist information staff try hard to explain to disgruntled tourists why the place they have come miles to see is closed.

It is the kind of absurdity which could ruin everything.

And East Coast InterCity trains still have a lot of improvement to make in the standard of food, the quality of some of the older staff, and — most important — punctuality.

When brochures openly warn passengers travelling on Sundays that they can expect to be delayed there is something very wrong. If trains are to compete with the fast, efficient and increasingly cheap airlines they are going to have to improve. Quickly. But if they do, there is a near-perfect tourism product just outside Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Bargains of the week — from Galway oysters to World Cup golf in Cape Town

HOTELS

A FREE "talking book", worth £7.99, is on offer until the end of October at Novotel's 18 hotels in the UK. To qualify, guests must eat in the hotels' Garden Brasserie restaurant and obtain two stamps (one stamp per guest per meal) on an application form available from reception. There are six books on offer, including *The X-Files*. Details: 0181-748 3433.

■ THE Sheraton Park Tower in London has a special Butler Theatre weekend package which includes one night's accommodation, tickets to any West End show, champagne on arrival, transfers to the theatre and dinner. Cost is £268 per person, based on two sharing, and the package includes the services of a personal butler. Details: 0171-235 8050.

■ SPANISH hotel group Sol Melia has just opened its first hotel in Israel, the 194-room Confort Chen Jerusalem, at a cost of £15.4 million. Opening next year is a new Sol hotel in Nazareth. Details: 0800 282 720.

■ THE "Mayfair Treat" weekend break at Brown's Hotel in London costs £280 per couple per night and includes champagne, flowers and fruit on arrival. Valid until end of March next year. Details: 0171-493 6020.

■ ELEVEN Swiss hotels have banded together to offer special added-value autumn packages, including admission to local museums, golf fees and reductions on regular rates. Details through Prima Hotels: 0800 181 535.

■ HIGHLIFE Breaks has reduced the price of its single room supplement to £30 a night at five of its featured London hotels, offering a saving of between £8 and £11 per night. The special rate lasts until October 31. Details: 0800 700 400.

■ HOLIDAY Inn has just opened a budget Express hotel in Tres Cantos, near Madrid, an *important business suburb*. The 61-room property includes conference facilities. Details: 0800 897 121.

■ THE Champneys Health Club at the Meridien Hotel in Piccadilly is offering a "jetlag recovery package" for £50 per person, including sauna, facial, massage and reviving oils. Details: 0171-437 8114.

■ BOOK early for Christmas, says the Pride of Britain hotels group. It reports that some hotels are already filling up with repeat guests. A typical package is that on offer from Congham Hall in Norfolk, where a three-day Christmas break starts at £450 per person. Details from Pride of Britain: 01264 736604.

■ THE Langham Hilton in central London is reviving its Saturday night dinner dances from September 21 with a special four-course menu at £29.75 per person. Music is provided by the hotel's resident band. Details: 0171-636 1000.

■ A WINE-TASTING weekend in Kent costs £139 for two nights' dinner and B&B at the Jarvis Great Danes Hotel in Maidstone on September 13-15. Details: 0345 581811.



Wash down the seafood with stout at the International Oyster Festival in Galway

FERRIES/TUNNEL

SCANDINAVIAN Seaways has reduced prices on three breaks to Gothenburg, Esbjerg in Denmark and Copenhagen for September 1 departures. Prices now start from £160 per person for two nights onboard ship, including cabin, and two nights ashore in Esbjerg. Details: 0990 333111.

■ VISITORS to a Eurostar roadshow in Thurrock, Portsmouth and Brighton over the next ten days can take advantage of a "Kids go free" offer on services to Paris, Brussels, Lille or Calais. The promotion applies to children under 11 for travel by October 31. Adult fares start at £79. Details: 0345 023830.

■ SEA France has made more £79 unrestricted crossings available on its Dover-Calais route, valid for a car and up to five passengers throughout 1996. A single fare for £39.50 is also available. Details: 0990 711711.

■ HOVERSPEED has five-day returns on Dover-Calais for £89, Folkestone-Boulogne for £79. Special conditions apply. Through Eurodrive, details: 0181-324 4000.

■ STENA Line still has some five-day crossings available for £49 on its Dover-Calais route on selected departures. A standard return for £98 is also available. Details: 0990 707070.

■ IRISH Ferries is offering motoring breaks from £63 per person to include ferry travel with car and two nights' B&B staying in Irish homes or hotels. The price is based on four adults sharing two rooms. Details: 0990 143441.

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■ GULF Air has lowered fares to the Middle East. Regional passengers booking first and business-class tickets can fly with British Midland to London at no extra cost while budget-conscious executives can book economy-class excursions (with no minimum stay restrictions) from £699. Destinations include Bahrain, Dubai, Kuwait, Doha and Muscat. Details: 0171-408 1717.

■ THREE airlines, Virgin Atlantic, Malaysia and Ansett have teamed up to market a £745 Wanderer fare to most major destinations in Australia. Passengers can fly via either Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur or Bali. Details: 0171-734 7755.

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■ HAGGIS Backpackers is offering a six-day coach tour around the Highlands of Scotland, including the Isle of Skye and Loch Ness, for £119 plus accommodation. Details from Campus Travel: 0171-730 3402.

■ FREE travel insurance is offered by Villa Retreats for September and October in the Algarve, where villas are available from £475 a week, sleeping six. Pool, maid service and welcome hamper. Flights cost extra. Details: 01625 586586.

■ GOLFERS could watch World Cup golf in Cape Town with See South Africa's 16-day holiday from November 13. The cost is £995 for 3-star accommodation, internal transport, golf fees and all sightseeing (flights not included). Details: 0181-395 6060.

■ CORNISH cottages, newly refurbished, in the grounds of Tregenna Castle hotel near St Ives are available from Helpful Holidays from £411 to £705 a week with use of the hotel's leisure facilities. Details: 01647 433593.

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■ ITALIAN weekend breaks through Italiatour cost £195 a person, including flights and two/three nights' accommodation in Rome, Florence and Venice. Available from November. Details: 0171-371 1114.

■ GLOBESPAN has cheap charter fares to Australia which will cut the cost of luxury coach packages. Flights start in November to link up with Australian Scenic Tours including accommodation at top hotels. Details: 0990 561522.

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FOOTBALL

Hoddle's options for Moldavia decrease by two

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent, and Russell Kempson

BARELY 24 hours before England fly to Moldavia, Glenn Hoddle's first selection is taking shape as much in the medical room as in the coach's mind. Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman were ruled out of the World Cup qualifying match yesterday. Both have back injuries, which Hoddle believes have affected them through the summer.

There was better news of Paul Gascoigne. He played for most of a practice game in which England's seniors comfortably beat the under-21 players, the latter masquerading as rigid man-to-man markers — the strategy that Hoddle is convinced Moldavia will adopt on Sunday. Gascoigne's troubled Achilles' heel came through unscathed, leaving Hoddle to see if there is any reaction.

Two more of the walking wounded, David Batty and Les Ferdinand, who did not take part in the training match, had their first light jogging session of the week yesterday evening. They, like so many of England's chosen elite suffering so early in the season, will see some action in Kishinev. With seven to sit on the substitutes' bench, every able-bodied player, apart from the third goalkeeper, could see action.

Having had a heart-to-heart with Matthew Le Tissier, and seen what he described as "some wonderful skills" from the Southampton player with quality individuals around him, Hoddle dismissed out of hand the notion that selecting Le Tissier or David Beckham — or indeed anyone in the squad — would be a risk. "I'm waiting on the injury situation before I name a captain or a team," Hoddle said last night, "but I assure you no one in my squad would be considered a risk if I played them."

Bruce Grobbelaar, the Plymouth Argyle goalkeeper, has been appointed joint coach of the Zimbabwe national side. The former Liverpool and Southampton player will help to lead the side in its attempts to qualify for the finals of the World Cup and African Nations Cup for the first time.

Grobbelaar, 38, returned to Zimbabwe after being released by Southampton at the end of last season. He was offered the assistant coach's job but, after returning to England, joined Plymouth, who lead the Nationwide League second division after three matches. "While I'm over here, I'll leave the coaching duties to others back home," he said yesterday. "They will hold training camps and fax to me their recommendations of who to select for the internationals."

Grobbelaar, whose promotion follows the departure of Marc Duvillard, Zimbabwe's Swiss coach, believes that he can combine his new role with playing. "I reckon I've got another four years left in me," he said. His first challenge is a five-team tournament, also involving Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique, next month. Zimbabwe's first game in the African Nations Cup is away to Sudan on October 6 — Grobbelaar's 39th birthday — and they play Cameroun, Angola and Togo in their World Cup group, with the winners going on to France.

When they play Togo at home in January, Grobbelaar could be in court. He is due to face charges of alleged match-fixing. "We'll have to wait and see what happens," he said. "In the meantime, I'm just concentrating on playing."

Steve Morrow, the Arsenal utility player, has been called in to the Northern Ireland squad for the World Cup group nine qualifying match against Ukraine at Windsor Park on Saturday. He replaces Barry Hunter, of Reading, who injured a knee while jogging on Monday.

Morrow, who signed a two-year contract at Highbury last month, said: "I felt I should have been in the squad from the start. My form has been pretty good and I've played in all of Arsenal's opening three matches."

Andy Gray, the Leeds United midfield player, has withdrawn from the Scotland Under-21 squad for the game against Austria tomorrow. Gary Kelly, his Leeds teammate, has also pulled out of Ireland's World Cup trip to Liechtenstein at the weekend.

Wales, who play San Marino in group seven in Cardiff on Saturday, have announced a four-team kit sponsorship deal with Lotto. Holland, Croatia and Switzerland were also dressed by the Italian sportswear firm during Euro 96.



Grobbelaar hopes to guide Zimbabwe to the World Cup finals from his Plymouth base

Venables handed glimmer of hope by Russell

By Russell Kempson

IT WAS not particularly pretty but the result was all-important. Portsmouth beat Southend United 1-0 at Fratton Park on Tuesday night, earned their first points of the season and left the bottom of the Nationwide League first division. Terry Venables, the club's director of football, at last glimpsed a ray of hope.

Portsmouth's belated kick-start to the 1996-97 campaign arrived in the 67th minute from Lee Russell, with only his second goal in almost 100 league appearances. It was a scrappy effort, after good work by Robbie Pethick and Fitzroy Simpson, with Russell, a defender, claiming the final touch ahead of Deon Burton.

"I just about got a foot to it and although Deon says it brushed his shin on the way in, there's no way he's having it," Russell said. "Our display was better but the three points was the main thing. Hopefully, we can go on from this."

Tranmere Rovers head the division after a 2-0 win over Port Vale at Prenton Park. Alan Mahon, 18, opened the scoring, on his full first-team debut, with a spectacular 20-yard drive in the fourteenth minute. Graham Branch added the second, two minutes before half-time, from an even longer distance.

Oxford United's 19-match unbeaten League record at the Manor Ground came to an end when Norwich City won 1-0. Neil Adams scored the decisive goal when he nodded in a cross from Danny Mills.

Carl Bradshaw, the Norwich defender, and David Rush, the Oxford forward, were sent off in the final minute after exchanging punches. "It was handbags stuff really, but Carl shouldn't have reacted," Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, said.

Clive Mendonca scored for the fourth successive match in Grimsby Town's 1-1 draw away to Ipswich Town, who equalised through Paul Mason, while Crystal Palace and West Bromwich Albion fought out a goalless and uninspiring stalemate at Selhurst Park.

In the second division, Plymouth Argyle took over at the top after a 2-0 victory away to Watford, their goals coming from Chris Billy and Adrian Littlejohn. York City staged a recovery to beat Millwall 3-2 at Bootham Crescent after trailing 2-0 at half-time. Dave Savage and Chris Malkin had given Millwall the lead but Nigel Pepper, who scored two goals, including a penalty, and Neil Tolson erased it.

Burnley lost the division's only 100 per cent record after being beaten 3-1 by Shrewsbury Town at Turf Moor. Mark Taylor, Richard Scott and Ian Stevens scored for Shrewsbury, with Andy Cooke replying for Burnley.

Hartlepool United continue to lead the way in the third division, despite being held 2-2 at home by Mansfield Town, who yesterday parted company with Andy King, their manager. King was suspended from his duties on Monday by Keith Haslam, the chairman, and although the club gained its first point of the season against Hartlepool, his departure was confirmed yesterday morning after a meeting with Haslam that lasted only 15 minutes.

After arriving at Field Mill in November 1993, King led Mansfield to the third division play-off semi-finals in his first full season. The side finished in nineteenth place last season and have yet to win a League game in three attempts this term. King is the fifth manager to leave his club this month.

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Leeds, M900
Liverpool John Moores, *
Luton, M900
North London, *
Middlesex, Y400
Roehampton Inst, M903, *
Sheffield Hallam, M903
Staffordshire, *
Sunderland, *
West of England, M903
Wolverhampton, Y401, M900
Worcester Col, NM19, WM49, LM19, XM99, QN39, LM89, UM19, NG95, LM79, LMV9

* denotes modular scheme with a variety of subject combinations. Contact institutions for details.

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TENNIS: NAINKIN MAKES MOCKERY OF RANKINGS WITH DEFEAT OF COMPATRIOT IN US OPEN

Ferreira fails to clear the first hurdle

FROM DAVID MILLER IN NEW YORK

DAVID NAINKIN, a 25-year-old South African, yesterday found himself in unfamiliar territory. The interview room. He is unaccustomed, ranked 215th in the world, to such celebrity. But now, however, he had just removed his compatriot, Wayne Ferreira, the ninth seed, from the US Open singles.

The outcome astonished the pair of them. Nainkin, who had won none of his previous four matches in grand slam tournaments, had lost his nine matches before the qualifying competition for Flushing Meadow, in which he had defeated Danny Sapsford, of Great Britain. Ferreira, ranked No 7 in the world, was so displeased with his performance that, on surrendering the second match point, he clouted the ball out of the stadium and smashed his racket upon his chair with marked ill grace.

Nainkin sat in the interview room in bemused delight. "It was happening fast out there," he said. "At two sets up, I didn't know what to do. I was hitting well from the back, but knew I couldn't beat him if I wasn't taking the initiative."

Since growing up together as contemporaries, they had played each other a dozen times. Nainkin knew what he had to do to win, without ever supposing that he would. Losing the third set and entering the fourth, Nainkin was on new ground: never before had he played four sets. "I haven't slept for three days waiting for the match," he said. His 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 victory gives him a meeting with either Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden, or Karol Kucera, of Slovakia.

Mark Philippoussis, the Greek-Australian tornado of the courts, is two matches away from another confrontation with Pete Sampras, his unexpected victim in the Australian Open but then his straight-sets conqueror in the second round at Wimbledon this year. Philippoussis's first-round form here against his compatriot, Mark Woodforde, was bristling with menace.

Woodforde, admittedly a doubles rather than a singles expert and ranked No 30 in the world, eight places below Philippoussis, 19, reeled in the face of 135mph aces, 29 of them in all, having taken the first set on a tie-break. Thereafter, on a sweltering night, Philippoussis carved apart his Davis Cup colleague to win 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

It had been Woodforde who abruptly halted scenes of glory for the big-hitting youngster in Melbourne, immediately after the victory over Sampras. Now Philippoussis was convincingly his master, drilling the ball past him on both flanks.

One backhand passing shot was as spectacular as anything yet seen at Flushing Meadow this week. Here were signs that Philippoussis has strategy as well as talent; that, in colloquial terms, the elevator does go all the way to the top floor of his 6ft 4in.

Yes, he said afterwards, he had had a game-plan. "I knew he was going to work me around with his sliced forehand, hit it deep, try to keep me moving," Philippoussis said. "The thing I did today was play to his forehand a lot more and, when I had a short ball, to hit into his backhand and come in. I took some chances, went for some shots, and they paid off."

The left-handed Woodforde, 30, who has never been past the fourth round of a grand slam event — the last time he reached that stage being 1991 in Australia — was complimentary about his young opponent. "I think he played very, very well tonight, such a high standard," he said. "He was awesome with his serve and awesome with his ground strokes."

In the second round, Philippoussis meets Andrei Olhovskiy, of Russia, with a probable third round against the No 16 seed, Cedric Pioline, of France. Then would come Sampras, the top seed.

Goran Ivanisevic, the brooding Croatian who so often gives the impression that he sees demons and goblins lurking in every shadow, his dark eyes rolling sorrowfully, had a characteristic first-round encounter against Andrei Chesnokov, the veteran Russian, encompassing extremes of grace and banality. The fourth seed won 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, the perspiration pouring off him under the floodlights as he began his bid to reach the second round for the first time in eight attempts.

"The game is here, my mind is here," Ivanisevic said. "Now we just have to wait." With Ivanisevic, twice runner-up at Wimbledon but who has never got past the quarter-final in any other grand slam event, you never know what the wait may bring. He next plays Scott Draper, of Australia.

RON FREHM



Graf had to work hard to suppress the spirited challenge of Basuki in their first-round match at Flushing Meadow

Tuesday was a mixed day for the British pair, Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, who respectively won and lost in straight sets. Henman's victory over the Brazilian, Alberto Jabali, brings him a second-round against the Atlantan, Doug Flach — probably not until tomorrow — but against the German, Hendrik Dreekmann. Rusedski once again was no more than a big serve and a big smile. He went down 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Steffi Graf, the women's singles favourite, who is looking for her fifth title here and her 21st grand slam trophy in all, suffered mild anxiety in her opening match against the engaging Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia.

Imperiously punching her way through a quick first set, Graf was then constantly in difficulty during the second, trailing 2-0 and then 5-2, and being 4-1 down in the tie-break, before finally getting home 6-3, 7-6.

RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

MEN

SINGLES: First round: P Sampras (US) bt J Szymanski (Ven) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; A Corretja (Sp) bt B Black (Zim) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; S Draper (Aus) bt G Blanco (Sp) 6-3, 7-5, 6-3; P Korda (Cz Rep) bt D Caldwell (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; B Ulihrach (Cz Rep) bt A Costa (Sp) 2-6, 6-4, 7-6, 3-6, 6-1; B Karbacher (Ger) bt J Stark (US) 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5; S Edberg (Swe) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; M Rios (Chile) bt A Pavel (Rom) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; A Olhovsky (Russ) bt P Cash (Aus) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; F Vegliò (Switz) bt C Pozzi (Nor) 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; T Henman (GB) bt R Jabali (Br) 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; P Campana (Ec) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; H Gumy (Arg) bt M Damm (Cz) 7-5, 6-4, 7-5; J Hlasek (Switz) bt N Kulti (Swe) 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; M Tillstrom (Swe) bt T El Sawy (Egypt) 1-6, 7-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; R Carretero (Sp) bt J Burillo (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 6-0, 1-0, ret; T Johansson (Swe) bt R Furlan (It) 4-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1, 7-5; M Knowles (Bah) bt M Filippini (Uru) 6-3, 7-5, 6-1; J Palmer (US) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; J Sánchez (Sp) bt D Skoch (Cz) 6-2, 7-6, 8-3; D Flach (US) bt G Pozzi (It) 7-5, 7-6, 2-6, 7-6; C Pioline (Fr) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-4, 7-6, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt M Larsson (Swe) 6-7, 6-4, 5-2, ret; H Dreekman (Ger) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Croi bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 6-2, 6-0, 6-1; D Rikl (Cz) bt H Arazi (Mor) 6-4, 7-5, 6-2

DOUBLES: First round: J-P Fleurian and G Raoux (Fr) bt D Johnson and F Montana (US) 7-6, 6-3; H Jan Davids and S Schalken (Holl) bt J Leach and R Leach (US) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; K Jones and C Woodruff (US) bt M Petchey and D Sapsford (GB) 7-5, 6-2; O Delaitre (Fr) and J Tarango (US) bt M Merklein and B Shelton (US) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; M Ondruska (SA) and A Richardson (GB) bt N Broad (GB) and P Norval (SA) 6-0, 4-6, 6-1; T Carbonell and F Roig (Sp) bt D Orsanic (Arg) and N Lapentti (Ec) 7-6, 6-2; S Cannon (US) and R Smith (Bahs) bt S Pescosolido and V Sampadre (It) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; E Ferreira (SA) and J Siemerink (Holl) bt M Damm (Cz) and P Nyborg (Swe) 6-4, 6-3; D Adams (Aus) and M Oosting (Holl) bt K Flach (US) and A Olhovsky (Russ) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4

WOMEN:

SINGLES: First round: V de Swardt (SA) bt D van Roost (Bel) 1-6, 6-2, 7-6; F Labat (Arg) bt L Rinaldi Stunkel (US) 6-2, 6-2; L Davenport (US) bt A Serra-Zanetti (It) 6-2, 6-1; E Wagner (Ger) bt G Fernandez (US) 6-1, 6-4; K Boogert (Hol) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-1, 6-0; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt L Porru (US) 6-2, 6-1; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt R Bobkova (Cz Rep) 6-4, 6-1; K Hashimoto (Austria) bt S Kleinova (Cz Rep) 6-3, 6-4; A Ellwood (Aus) bt J Capriati (US) 6-4, 6-4; N Arendt (US) bt S Cacic (US) 6-2, 7-6; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) 7-6, 6-1; S Testud (Fr) bt P Schnyder (US) 7-6, 6-2; A Frazier (US) bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-1, 6-3; P Langrova (Cz) bt K Adams (US) 6-4, 6-2; T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt S Cecchini (US) 6-2, 6-0; T Kruzan (Slovenia) bt R Hirabe (Japan) 7-6, 7-5; K Po (US) bt K Date (Japan) 6-2, 7-5; J Novotna (Cz) bt F Lubiani (It) 6-1, 7-5; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt R Stubbs (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; L Raymond (US) bt L McNeil (US) 7-6, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-2, 6-0; M Oremans (Holl) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; S Dopfer (Austria) bt Z Garrison Jackson (US) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; S Graf (Ger) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 6-3, 7-6; N Dahlman (Fin) bt L Lee (US) 6-3, 6-4 Second round: S Testud (Fr) bt C Torrens-Valero (Sp) 6-1, 6-2; I Spirlea (Rom) bt M J Gaidano (Arg) 6-2, 6-1; G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Grossman (US) 6-2, 6-3

DOUBLES: First round: N Bradtke and R McQuillan (Aus) bt L Golarsa (It) and C Singer (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; A Koumikova and E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt R Bobkova and E Malicharova (Cz) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6.



Ivanisevic won in four sets

SPORT IN BRIEF

India's bowlers take heavy punishment

SANATH JAYASURIYA and Romesh Kaluwitharana, the dashing Sri Lanka opening batsmen, demolished India's bowlers as the host country won yesterday's game in the four-nation series in Colombo by nine wickets. Kaluwitharana had scored 53 when their partnership was broken at 129, made from 22 overs, but Jayasuriya was 120 not out when India's 226 for five was overhauled in the 44th over, Aravinda de Silva finishing with 49.

Little blame could be attached to Sachin Tendulkar, who did almost everything right in his first match as the India captain. He won the toss, elected to bat, scored a classic 110 and took the only wicket to fall in the Sri Lanka innings. But it soon became clear that the India total was unlikely to test the holders of the World Cup. Jayasuriya, roared on by a crowd of 35,000, reached his century from 103 balls with three sixes and eight fours. He hit 17 runs in one over from Kapoor, the off spinner.

Drago fined for outburst

SNOOKER: Tony Drago, of Malta, was yesterday fined £2,500, of which £2,000 was suspended for a year, for his behaviour during the Thailand Open in Bangkok six months ago (Phil Yates writes). The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association announced the punishment after Drago admitted that he made a rude gesture, swore, and knocked balls off the table with his cue in frustration after losing a frame during a 5-2 first-round defeat by Willie Thorne.

Mehrtens gets recall

RUGBY UNION: New Zealand recalled Andrew Mehrtens at stand-off half when they announced their team yesterday for the third and final international against South Africa in Johannesburg on Saturday. Mehrtens returns in place of Simon Culhane, who broke a wrist in the All Blacks' series-clinching victory in Pretoria on Saturday.

NEW ZEALAND: C Cullen; J Wilson, W Little, F Bunce, G Osborne; A Mehrtens, J Marshall; C Dowd, S Fitzpatrick (captain), O Brown, M Jones, R Brooke, I Jones, J Kronfeld, Z Brooke

England in last four

HOCKEY: Two second-half goals from Fiona Greenham helped the England women's team to a 3-1 victory over Russia in the European nations junior cup in Cardiff yesterday. Elena Fedetova put Russia ahead in the thirteenth minute but Greenham equalised after 51 minutes. Denise Marston-Smith then gave England the lead ten minutes later and Greenham added her second three minutes from time to take England into the last four.

Death of a champion

EQUESTRIANISM: Jus de Pomme, the horse on which the German rider, Ulrich Kirchhoff, won the individual gold medal for show jumping at the Atlanta Olympics, has died in a veterinary clinic while being treated for congestion of the intestine. Kirchhoff, who also won team gold on the horse, was said to be "absolutely devastated" at the news. Jus de Pomme seemed tired after being flown home from the Games but was otherwise in good health.

Sharks sign Hames

BASKETBALL: Deon Hames, the American point guard, officially signed for the Sheffield Sharks yesterday after a successful pre-season tour of Germany with the Budweiser League club. The 22-year-old from Rider University will make his debut in England against the Manchester Giants at the Sheffield Arena on September 15 after further pre-season games in Holland.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

FAMOUS Bidding Decisions (Victor Gollancz £6.99), the latest book by David Bird and Terence Reese, who died earlier this year, catalogues a number of the more potentially expensive moments in the history of the game. First, the hand is presented as a problem with the alternatives discussed. The reader is invited to make up his mind before turning over to find out what happened in real life. The following hand comes from the final of the 1976 Bermuda Bowl between Italy and the United States. After 75 boards (out of 96), the Americans had a narrow lead. Belladonna picked up the following hand:

♠3 ♥5 ♦AQ7 ♣AKQJ8652

He was South, fourth to speak at Game All, and heard the following auction:

W	N	E	S
2S (1)	Double	4S	?

(1) 6-10 points, 6-card suit

While it would be very nice to be able to bid Four No-Trumps, asking for aces, most experts would play such a bid in this position as showing a two-suiter and asking partner to bid a suit. The other alternatives are Five Clubs, Six Clubs, Seven Clubs or a cue-bid of Five Spades. The full deal was:

	♠8 ♥AK1073 ♦KJ1092 ♣73	
♠AKQ542 ♥84 ♦864 ♣94	N W E S	♠J10976 ♥QJ962 ♦53 ♣10
	♠3 ♥5 ♦AQ7 ♣AKQJ8652	

At the table, Giorgio Belladonna, for Italy, dared to leap all the way to Seven Clubs. Had this been the final contract, it is not clear what West, Billy Eisenberg, would have led. Would he have tried one of his top spades? Or would he have tried some other suit, not believing that South would have made such a bid with a spade loser?

As it was, Fred Hamilton, East, took out insurance and sacrificed in Seven Spades, going down 1400. In the other room, Erik Paulsen for the United States, settled for Six Clubs, was allowed to play there making 1370. Belladonna's bravery (if that is the right word) was worth just 1 IMP. The authors then give marks to the various bids. In this case: Six Clubs 5, Seven Clubs 4, Dour No-Trumps 1, Five Clubs/Five Spades 0.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Man v machine II

IBM has announced the second challenge from its Deep Blue chess computer against Garry Kasparov, the world champion, next year. The match will be of six games, taking place in New York early in May, with a prize fund more than doubled from this year's encounter to $1.1 millinn. The winner will receive $700,000 and the loser $400,000.

IBM scientists working on the project have carried out big improvements to the computer and are now confident of an overall match victory against the human champion.

Rising star

One of the big winners in top-class international competition this year has been the young Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov. Although noted as a chess power for several decades, Bulgaria had never come close to producing a legitimate challenger for the world championship.

Topalov's recent results include either shared or outright first prize in five elite tournaments: Amsterdam, Madrid, Seville, Novgorod and now Vienna. This is the kind of record that only the very best have emulated and puts him in a similar league this year to Karpov, Kramnik and Ivanchuk, and even ahead of Kasparov.

In the following game from Vienna, Topalov overwhelms Shirov with an energetic kingside attack.

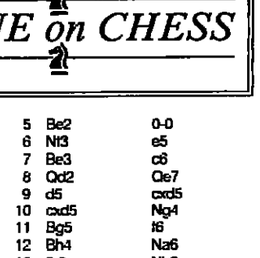
White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Veselin Topalov
Bank of Austria, Vienna, August 1996

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	Be2	0-0
6	Nf3	e5
7	Be3	c6
8	Qd2	Qe7
9	d5	cxd5
10	cxd5	Ng4
11	Bg5	f6
12	Bh4	Na6
13	0-0	Nh6
14	Ne1	Nf7
15	Bxa6	bxa6
16	Nc2	Rb8
17	Ne3	a5
18	Rfc1	h5
19	f3	Bh6
20	Ncd1	Ng5
21	Qxa5	f5
22	Qe1	bxe4
23	fxe4	Rf4
24	Bxg5	Qxg5
25	Rc4	Ba6
26	Rc6	Bd3
27	Rac1	Rbf8
28	Rc8	Bxe4
29	Nf2	R4f7
30	Rd8+	Rxf8
31	Rc3	Qf4
32	Qe2	Bb1
33	a3	Qd4
34	g3	a5
35	Qe1	e4
36	Kg2	Bd3
37	Nfd1	Qf6
38	h4	g5
39	Nf2	Qf3+
40	Kg1	gxh4

White resigns

Diagram of final position

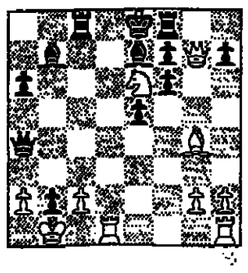


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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Mischalewski — Sloan, Russia 1993. White has launched an interesting attack and managed to thrust his queen and knight deep into Black's defences. How did he now conclude?



Solution on page 46

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

VIVA VOCE
a. Long live fast bowlers
b. Live exams
c. The reverse

ALPHA MINUS
a. A lower case Greek a
b. Not quite *summa cum laude*
c. An A grade

REMOVE
a. To expel
b. A form for duffers
c. Promotion

MONITOR
a. An exam supervisor
b. A prefect
c. Advance warning

Answers on page 46

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 3 San Francisco 2; Los Angeles 5 Montreal 1; Pittsburgh 3 Atlanta 2; San Diego 4 New York 3, Houston 6 Chicago 5, Florida 6 St Louis 3, Cincinnati 4 Colorado 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 12 Detroit 2; Baltimore 3 Oakland 1, Minnesota 6 Toronto 4, Milwaukee 4 Chicago 2, Kansas City 4 Texas 3 (in 10), Boston 2 California 1, Seattle 7 New York 4.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Men's all-England championships: Pairs: Third round: A Newman and A Hollis (New Lount, Leics) bt D Potter and C Taylor (Folkestone Park) 29-12, I Maddox and R Stanley (Bank House Hotel, Worcs) bt S Cleverley and K Jamieson (St George's Hospital, Morpeth) 20-12; P Barlow and S Farish (Wigton, Cumbria) bt K Dick and I Wones (Wymondham, Dell) 18-16, N Harrison and P Harrison (Ansty, York) bt C Daniels and M Squires (Boscombe Cliff, Hants) 20-13, M Patterson and A Tidby (Greenhill, Weymouth) bt R Geary and G Burgess (Gt Edge, Kidderminster) 20-14; A Wills and T Allcock (Cheltenham) bt R Gnce and V Kimber (Marlborough, Wilts) 31-14; T Smith and J Stamper (Lanmedc, Chelmsford) bt R Robinson and R Britton (Erdington Court) 24-20; R Gass and J Bell (Wigton, Cumbria) bt A Tebbutt and N Corbyn (Rushden Town) 29-9. **Quarter-finals:** Maddox and Stanley bt Newman and Hollis 20-18, Barlow and Farish bt Harrison and Harrison 20-18, Wills and Allcock bt Patterson and Tidby 22-13; Gass and Bell bt Smith and Stamper 24-19. **Semi-finals:** Wills and Allcock bt Gass J Bell 22-15; Maddox and Stanley bt Barlow and Farish 22-5

ENGLISH WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION: Double-rink championships: Semi-finals: Somerset bt Huntingdonshire 59-22, Kent bt Nottinghamshire 39-35. Final: Somerset bt Kent 45-33

CRICKET

Singer Cup
India v Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (India won toss). Sri Lanka beat India by nine wickets

INDIA

A D Jadeja run out	0
*S R Tendulkar run out	110
S C Ganguly c de Silva b Dharmasena	16
M Azharuddin st Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya	58
V G Kambli run out	18
R Dravid not out	7
J Srinath not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 9, nb 3)	16
Total (5wkts, 50 overs)	226

A Kumble, †N R Mongia, A R Kapoor, and V Prasad did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-57, 3-186, 4-217, 5-218

BOWLING: Vaas 9-2-35-0; Pushpakumara 6-0-23-0; Dharmasena 10-0-59-1; Muralitharan 10-0-42-0; Jayasuriya 10-1-39-1, de Silva 5-0-24-0

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya not out	120
†R Kaluwitharna b Tendulkar	53
P A de Silva not out	49
Extras: (lb3, w2, nb3)	8
Total (1wkt, 44.2)	230

A P Gurusinha, R S Mahanama, H P Tillekeratne, *A Ranatunga, H D K P Dharmasena, W P U C J Vaas, M Muralitharan and K R Pushpakumara did not bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-129

BOWLING: Srinath 8-0-39-0, Prasad 8-0-47-0, Kapoor 10-2-51-0, Kumble 10-1-40-0, Tendulkar 6-0-29-1, Jadeja 2-2-0-13-0, Ganguly 2-0-14-0

Man-of-the-match: S Jayasuriya

Umpires: S R Buckner (W Indies) and C Mitchley (SA)

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of two): Northampton: Northamptonshire 401-8 dec (M B Loye 126, A Fordham 87, T C Walton 82), Warwickshire 16-1 (final day of three). Canterbury: Kent 331-9 dec (G R Cowdrey 80) and 215-7 dec, Nottinghamshire 276-9 dec (P R Pollard 133). Match drawn. Fenning: Worcestershire 449-8 dec (I Dawood 143 not out, C Church 75, D Leatherdale 62) Durham 269 (M Betts 70, A Pratt 65, P Collingwood 63) and 50-2. Match abandoned as a draw. Park Avenue, Bradford: Yorkshire 201-8 dec (M J Wood 59) Leicestershire 30-0. No play yesterday (rain). Match abandoned as a draw. Haywards Heath: Sussex 262-7 dec (T A Radford 75, M T E Peirce 69) and 168-4 dec (Peirce 72, M Newell 56 not out) Derbyshire 174-1 (G A Khan 126 not out) and 147-6 (M J Vandrau 58). Match drawn.

CYCLING

MANCHESTER: World track championship: Men: Individual pursuit qualifying (first eight to quarter-finals): C Boardman (GB) 4min 13.353sec (world record), A Colinelli (It) 4 17.696, M Fredrick (US) 4:19.808; H Szonn (Ger) 4.21.009, F Moreau (Fr) 4.21.454; A Markov (Russ) 4:22.738, M Sandstod (Den) 4:24.427, E Gritsoun (Russ) 4.26.467, P Emmanuill (Fr) 4:27.027, R Karzinch (Pol) 4.30.081, I, Maxwell Verlongen (NZ) 4.34.094, L Roberts (Aus) 4:34.865; D Muller (Austria) 4.35.640; F Beron (Austria) 4.36.132; P Collins (Ire) 4:36.942. **Quarter-finals:** Moreau 4.16.274 bt Szonn 4.21.715, Markov 4.19.762 bt Fredick 4:20.241, Colinelli 4.17.551 bt Sandstod 4.24.660, Boardman 4.14.784 caught Gritsoun. **Kelrin: First round** (first two qualify, rest to repechage): Heat one: 1, F Magne (Fr) 10.827sec; 2 Pavel Buran (Cz), J Fiedler (Ger); D Cabrera (Sp), Angelidis (Gr). Heat two: 1, G Himonetos (Gr) 11.339, 2, M Hubner (Ger); I Vrba (Cz). H Honda (Japan), J M Moreno (Sp). Heat three: 1, G Newand (Aus) 10.882; 2, P Jacques (GB), F Paris (It), R Furrer (Switz), P Swift (US). Heat four: 1, M Nothstein (US) 10.839; 2, L Gane (Fr), T Sasaki (Japan); L B Nielson (Den), D Fitzsimmons (NZ). Repechage (first two qualify). Heat one: 1, Fiedler 10.934, 2, Nielsen. Heat two: 1, Swift 11.054, 2, Paris. Second round (first three qualify for final): Heat one: 1, Magne 11.019, 2, Hubner; 3, Newand. Heat two: 1, Nothstein 11.070; 2 Fiedler; 3, Buran. **Women:** Sprint qualifying (all 14 entries go forward to first round): M Humbert-Faure (Fr) 11.393, F Ballanger (Fr) 11.398; O Skoussareva (Russ) 11.518; M Ferns (Aus) 11.546; A Neumann (Ger) 11.553, T Dubnicoff (Can) 11.560, O Gnomina (Russ) 11.604, K Freitag (Ger) 11.793; G Enukhina (Russ) 11.939; M Kasslin (Fin) 11.940, D Wynd (NZ) 11.990; G Troldi (It) 12.079, W Everson (GB) 12.112; R Razmaite (Lit) 12.293. First round (winners qualify for second round, losers to repechage): Humbert-Faure bt Razmaite (Lit) scr; Ballanger 12.328 bt Everson; Skoussareva 13.876 bt Troldi; Wynd 12.062 bt Ferns; Naumann 12.144 bt Kasslin; Dubnicoff 12.105 bt Enukhina; Grishina 12.629 bt Freitag

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Crystal Palace 0 West Brom 0; Ipswich 1 Grimsby 1; Oxford 0 Norwich 1, Portsmouth 1 Southend 0, Tranmere 2 Port Vale 0. **Second division:** Brentford 2 Gillingham 0; Bristol City 5 Luton 0; Burnley 1 Shrewsbury 3; Chesterfield 1 Walsall 0, Preston 2 Crewe 1; Rotherham 1 Blackpool 2, Stockport 0 Bournemouth 1, Watford 0 Plymouth 2; Wycombe 0 Bury 1, York 3 Millwall 2. Postponed: Peterborough v Notts Co, Wrexham v Bristol Rovers. **Third division:** Barnet 3 Brighton 0, Cardiff 0 Wigan 2; Carlisle 1 Leyton Orient 0; Chester 2 Swansea 0, Darlington 1 Colchester 1, Exeter 1 Doncaster 1; Hartlepool 2 Mansfield 2; Hereford 0 Hull 1; Lincoln 1 Cambridge 1, Northampton 1 Torquay 1, Rochdale 1 Fulham 2; Scunthorpe 0 Scarborough 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Airdrie 0 Dundee 2; East Fife 2 Falkirk 0, Morton 2 Queen of the South 1, Montrose 2 East Stirling 1, Partick 2 Hamilton 1, Stirling 3 Inverness 1

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 2 Boreham Wood 0; Chertsey 2 Yeading 1, Dulwich 2 Bishop's Stortford 0; Grays 3 Harrow 2, Hendon 1 Heybridge Swifts 1, Kingstonian 0 Aylesbury 1; Oxford City 1 Sutton United 3, St Albans 1 Enfield 4. **First division:** Abingdon Town 6 Uxbridge 0, Aldershot Town 2 Leyton Pennant 2; Barton 0 Billericay 0, Basingstoke 2 Molesey 2; Berkhamsted 3 Thame 0; Hampton 1 Chesham 1, Maidenhead United 4 Wokingham 0, Walton and Hersham 2 Whyteleafe 1; Worthing 2 Tooting and Mitcham 2. **Guardian Insurance Cup: Fourth round replays:** Banstead 1 Camberley 0, Chalfont St Peter 0 Leighton 1, Chesham 1 Horsham 2, East Thurrock 1 Clapton 0; Egham 0 Collier Row and Romford 2; Hemel Hempstead 5 Barking 2, Hertford 1 Edgware 2, Hungerford 3 Metropolitan Police 1, Northwood 2 Windsor and Eton 1; Southall 0 Tilbury 1; Ware 0 Aveley 2, Wealdstone 1 Kingsbury 0, Wembley 1 Bracknell 0, Witham 0 Wingate and Finchley 1

LEAGUE OF WALES: Connah's Quay 4 Rhyl 1; Flint Town 1 Welshpool 1

ULSTER CUP: Second round: Glenavon 1 Coleraine 3, Linfield 2 Crusaders 3, Chltonville 4 Ballyclare 1

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham Forest 1 Stoke 0

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bolehall Swifts 0 Bilston Community College 0.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Concord 5 Stansted 1, Eton Manor 2 Sawbridgeworth 1

FA YOUTH CUP: Extra preliminary round: Ipswich 1 Great Wakering 3, Royston 9 Kingsbury 2

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hadleigh 1 Walton 1; Halstead 1 Diss 3; Harwich and Parkeston 3 Felixstowe P and T 1; Lowestoft 2 Fakenham 0; March 1 Sudbury 7; Newmarket 2 Great Yarmouth 6, Tiptree 0 Bury Town 1; Warboys 0 Wisbech 0 Woodbridge 2 Clacton 0

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 2 Chippenham 1, Elmore 0 Chard 4, Westbury 3 Calne 2

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 2 Whitehawk 1, Horsham YMCA 2 Three Bridges 3, Oakwood 0 Hassocks 1; Pagham 2 Wick 4, Ringmer 0 Peacehaven and Telscombe 2

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Thamesmead 2 Tunbridge Wells 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Fortuna Sittard 2 Heerenveen 4

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund 3 Freiburg 1; Hamburg 0 VfB Stuttgart 4, Werder Bremen 1 Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Schalke 1 Bochum 1

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 0 Marseilles 0

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Poland 2 Cyprus 2 (at Bielchatow)

HOCKEY

CARDIFF: Women's European junior Cup: Group B: Holland 3 Czech Republic 0; England 3 Russia 1; Holland 6pts; 2, England 6, 3, Czech Republic 0; 4, Russia 0

ICE HOCKEY

HELSINKI: World Cup (European group matches): Finland bt Czech Republic 7-3

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX STUDENT WORLD CUP: Semi-finals: Western Samoa 28 France 22; New Zealand 6 Australia 26. Bowl semi-finals: Scotland 16 South Africa 44, England 32 Russia 18. Plate semi-final: Ireland 66 Japan 10, United States 18 Wales 42

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Cathay Pacific Open: First round: R Eyles (Aus) bt Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) 15-6, 8-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-12, P Nicol (Scot) bt J Wellings (Eng) 15-8, 15-7, 15-6; D Ryan (Ire) bt S Parke (Eng) 15-11, 15-11, 2-15, 15-11; C Walker (Eng) bt J Bonotal (Fr) 15-12, 15-6, 15-2; J Power (Can) bt A Barada (Egypt) 11-15, 8-15, 15-13, 15-11, 15-2; A Shabana (Egypt) bt J White (Aus) 10-15, 15-9, 15-10, 16-17, 15-1, P Johnson (Eng) bt T Hands (Eng) 12-15, 15-11, 7-15, 15-6, 15-11, Zubair Jahan Khan (Pak) bt F Khan (HK) 12-15, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET
Texaco Trophy one-day international
10.45, 50 overs
OLD TRAFFORD: England v Pakistan

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Nottinghamshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset
THE OVAL: Surrey v Warwickshire
HOVE: Sussex v Lancashire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Essex

Second day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Glamorgan
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Middlesex

FOOTBALL
Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Watford (2.0)
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton (7.0), West Bromwich v Coventry (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Shrewsbury (7.0); York v Bradford (7.0)
FA YOUTH CUP: Extra preliminary round: Forest Green v Worcester

OTHER SPORT
CYCLING: World track championship (Manchester velodrome)
GOLF: British Masters (Collingtree Park)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Swindon (7.30); Middlesbrough v Hull (7.30); Sheffield v Reading (7.45).

RACING

Resowing the seeds of Cheltenham's future prosperity

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

CHELTENHAM racecourse, the home of National Hunt racing, could be totally reseeded over the next five years if an experiment, now in progress, to replace worn out and poor strains of grass proves a success.

The plan is in response to criticism of the condition of the ground at this year's Cheltenham Festival, which prompted the racecourse to take advice from a turf expert who laid the gallops at Jackdaws Castle, the training base of David Nicholson, and has been involved with the historic gallops at Manton, owned by Robert Sangster.

Mark Gillingham, who runs the Swindon-based Courtyard Partnership, discovered unsuitable strains of grass, notably meadow grass, had replaced tougher varieties to such an extent that, ideally, the covering on both of Cheltenham's tracks should be killed and replaced.

However, Gillingham acknowledged that such drastic action was too radical and he agreed with Philip Arkwright, clerk of the course at Cheltenham, to conduct a trial on a strip of ground, 50 metres by eight metres, near the start used for 2½-mile races.

"We felt the substrata grass was not in a suitable state to add anything and it was better to start with a clean sheet. We have tried it as an experiment and we want to see how it goes," Gillingham said. To reseed the Old and New courses at Prestbury Park would take between three and four years, he estimated.

"Grass gets old and you can try to give it plastic surgery and patch it up but there comes a point when it needs a new skin. There is not a lot we can do when the existing grasses are 80 per cent what you don't want. There were a whole range of grasses, which in certain situations would be fine, but are not ideal for racecourses."

The poor state of the turf at Cheltenham was emphasised by Nicholson on the opening day of the three-day Festival in March. "The ground is a joke with no grass whatsoever," he said.

Arkwright said yesterday: "If this trial strip is successful, of course consideration would be given to doing the courses in phases. It's a hell of an operation, but it is perfectly possible. I would not want to do it in under four years. You could do it a course at a time."

However, he added: "It is unlikely a decision to do major reseeding would be taken on the evidence of this one strip alone after one season. If this trial is successful, then I would want to extend the experiment next summer over a bigger area."

When Gillingham laid the grass gallops at Jackdaws Castle, he knew they would not be used for a couple of seasons. However, he does not enjoy such a luxury at Cheltenham, where racing starts in October. After removing existing grass from the trial area, a seedbed had to be prepared without ploughing up the ground, in order to preserve the resilience of the soil structure over which horses will gallop. Two different blends of grass seed sown eight weeks ago have benefited from the husbandry skills of Cheltenham's ground staff.

A strict regime of irrigating, adding nutrients and mowing has been devised to overcome the disadvantage of sowing grass seed in June, when evaporation levels are particularly high.

☐ The Mackeson Gold Cup, the first big race of the National Hunt season and run at Cheltenham on November 16, is being renamed the Murphy's Gold Cup.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Smokey From Caplaw
(3.20 Musselburgh)
Next best: Magic Lake
(3.50 Musselburgh)

Banned Weaver misses Leger meeting

BY OUR RACING STAFF

JASON WEAVER is to miss Doncaster's Pertemps St Leger meeting after yesterday receiving a 21-day suspension from the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee.

Weaver was given a 16-day ban (August 31 to September 18 inclusive) beginning this Saturday, with five days suspended until January 1 should he commit a further offence in the next four months. He will miss the season's final classic on Saturday September 14.

The inquiry was a result of Weaver, having already accumulated 12 or more days suspension this year, committing a second offence of irresponsible riding.

LEGER ENTRIES

Chief Contender, Clerkenwell, Desert Boy, Double Trigger, Duchyantor, Flying Legend, Gordi, Heron Island, High Baroque, Jack Jennings, Mongol Warrior, Moni, Sunnaan, Shantou, Sharaf Kabeer, Spartan Heartbeat, St Mawes, Widawonder, Camporese, Lady Carla, Pricket

Ladbrokes bets: 3-1 Duchyantor, 7-2 Moni, Sharaf Kabeer, 5-1 (with a run) Lady Carla, 8-1 Heron Island, 10-1 Gordi, St Mawes, 14-1 Clerkenwell, 16-1 bar



Weaver will have to forgo the ride on Double Trigger in the Doncaster Cup. Photograph: Julian Herbert

The jockey was adjudged to have been irresponsible at Pontefract ten days ago on Sonderise in the Family Day Handicap, which triggered the inquiry under the Jockey Club's "totting up" procedure, the rider having already been banned previously this year for seven days for irresponsible riding at Beverley. This season, Weaver has also been suspended twice for four days for careless riding.

Weaver, who will miss the ride on the Mark Johnston-trained Double Trigger in the Doncaster Cup, said: "I have had a fair hearing. Rules are rules. The part of my ban which is suspended for four months is usually deferred for six months but the stewards took into account my previous record as a jockey."

Under the "totting up" procedure, a jockey faces a minimum 14-day suspension for his second offence. Weaver's riding at Pontefract was therefore deemed in itself worthy of a seven-day ban, although he would serve only two days of this suspension if he avoids further offences until January 1. He will be free to resume riding on September 19.

In contrast to Weaver, Richard Hills left the Jockey Club headquarters at Portman Square a happy man after the disciplinary committee overturned a four-day ban for irresponsible riding on appeal.

Wardara, Hills's mount in the Bungay Fillies' Handicap at Yarmouth last Thursday, was reinstated as the winner. The partnership had been placed last, Hills having been found to have caused interference with Times Of Times, ridden by Ray Cochrane, inside the two-furlong marker.

Hills and Cochrane both gave evidence to the disciplinary committee, who viewed a video recording of the race and decided that any interference had been accidental and reversed the racecourse stewards' decision.

Hills said: "I'm delighted. The inquiry went very well. We had a very good case. Any interference was accidental and did not affect the result."

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Dowry
2.30 Belle's Boy
3.00 Logica
3.30 Sad Mad Bad
4.00 That Man Again
4.30 MR BROWNING (nap)
5.00 Hawaii Storm

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 FARMOST.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Sparkling Edge. 3.00 Go For Salt. 3.30 QUEST FOR BEST (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (TURF COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 HEINEKEN CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,643: 6f) (8 runners)

1	(6)	13	GUNNERS GLORY 19 (F) (T Pasting) B Meehan 9-5	Martin Dwyer (5)	88
2	(8)	214050	CASTLE HOUSE 16 (B,F) (Mrs J Mullally) J Akehurst 8-9	G Duffield	93
3	(5)	442420	DOWRY 20 (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 8-6	Pat Eddery	88
4	(7)	1	SPARKLING EDGE 13 (D,F) (S Ross) C Dwyer 8-6	Jo Hunnam (7)	91
5	(4)	013350	RUSSIAN SABLE 4 (D,G) (T Cunningham) M Channon 8-4	T Quinn	95
6	(2)	33	HOPPERETTA 12 (Riverbline Racing) B Palling 8-2	B Doyle	84
7	(1)	0	KOORDINATE 31 (M Fenton) W Musson 7-13	J Quinn	–
8	(3)	044105	SUMMER RISOTTO 10 (D,F) (Hargood Ltd) D French Davis 7-12	N Carlisle	94

BETTING: 7-4 Dowry, 7-2 Summer Risotto, 4-1 Gunners Glory, 9-2 Sparkling Edge, 12-1 Russian Sable, Hopperetta, 14-1 others.

1995: LITTLE NOGGINS 8-6 J Stack (5-2 fav) C Dwyer 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

GUNNERS GLORY 5th of 7 to Big Ben in consiliores race at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). CASTLE HOUSE 25l 9th of 10 to Mad By The Fire in nursery at Bath (5f 161yd, good). DOWRY 1l 2nd of 12 to Nifty Symphony in nursery at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). SPARKLING EDGE beat Le Shuttle 1¼l in 11-runner seller at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). RUSSIAN SABLE 13l 8th of 12 to Farewell My Love in seller at Goodwood (6f, good). HOPPERETTA 1¼l 3rd of 7 to Tinkerbell in seller at Wolverhampton (7f, standard). SUMMER RISOTTO 9l 5th of 7 to Kaiser Kache in nursery at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: GUNNERS GLORY

2.30 LABATTS HANDICAP
(All-weather: 3-Y-O: £2,738: 2m) (11 runners)

1	(10)	003126	HARBET HOUSE 54 (6) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-7	G Carter	92
2	(8)	0-00333	PLEASURELAND 19 (Mrs G Sartaty Marchant) P Makin 9-7	A Clark	95
3	(1)	002100	BELLE'S BOY 38 (G) (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 9-5	D Harrison	94
4	(5)	505630	MEG'S MEMORY 8 (G) (Mrs A Veale) John Berry 9-5	N Varley (3)	92
5	(11)	0-00035	MISCHIEF STAR 21 (Mrs P Sheen) D Elsworth 9-5	T Quinn	92
6	(4)	000000	LAGAN 12 (B) (Wild Racing) P Felgate 9-2	G Duffield	80
7	(9)	0-00430	MISS PRISM 22 (BF) (Miss K Rawlings) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	91
8	(2)	254452	PEARL ANNIVERSARY 20 (G) (Mr & Mrs A Monrdan) M Johnston 8-13	J Weaver	98
9	(7)	0-46325	ILLEGALLY YOURS 33 (Mrs J Murray) L Montague Hall 8-11	Dane O'Neill	90
10	(6)	5-0045	DUNCOMBE HALL 13 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-5	M Fenton	96
11	(3)	0-06500	FORLIANDO 18 (V) (M & M Files & Sons) M Saunders 7-10	N Adams	89

Long handicap: Forliando 7-6

BETTING: 7-2 Pleasureland, 4-1 Illegally Yours, 9-2 Pearl Anniversary, 6-1 Harbet House, 7-1 Mischief Star, 8-1 Belle's Boy, 10-1 Miss Prism, 12-1 others

1995: CLAIRESWAN 9-2 J Tate (5-2 fav) S Williams 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

HARBET HOUSE 15¾l 6th of 10 to Eltarby Park in handicap at Wolverhampton (1m 4f, standard). PLEASURELAND 4¾l 3rd of 12 to Paradise Navy in handicap here (2m, standard). MEG'S MEMORY about 2l 3rd of 8 to Old School House in handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good to firm) with MISCHIEF STAR (3lb better off) further 6¾l 5th on penultimate start. MISS PRISM head 2nd of 8 (dsq. placed 3rd) to Uplift in handicap at Nottingham (2m, good to firm) with LAGAN (5lb worse off) 12l 7th on penultimate start. PEARL ANNIVERSARY 9l 2nd of 9 to State Approval in handicap at Wolverhampton (1m 4f, standard). DUNCOMBE HALL 12l 5th of 11 to Rising Spray in maiden handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: PLEASURELAND

3.00 H P BULMERS MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,204: 7f 140yd) (10 runners)

1	(6)	4	ABSOLUTE LIBERTY 11 (A Rubel) S Woods 9-0	D Biggs	–
2	(1)	4	BARNUM SANDS 29 (Aylesfield Farms Stud) J Dunlop 9-0	T Quinn	97
3	(4)		COLOUR KEY (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) D Elsworth 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
4	(2)	05	DANNA 15 (M St Quinton) P Walwyn 9-0	J Carroll	84
5	(10)	00	MUTAHADETH 15 (H Al Maktoum) N Graham 9-0	R Hills	–
6	(3)	4	SWORD ARM 15 (A Oppenheimer) R Charlton 9-0	W R Swinburn	89
7	(7)		GO FOR SALT (S Hanson) M Stoute 8-9	J Reid	–
8	(9)	020	LOGICA 28 (D Pontrell) P Kelleway 8-9	G Bardwell	88
9	(5)		NORTHERN PASS (Fenway Ltd) R Akehurst 8-8	S Sanders	–
10	(8)	06	PETREL 17 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-8	D Harrison	80

BETTING: 11-4 Barnum Sands, 3-1 Sword Arm, 7-2 Go For Salt, 6-1 Danna, 10-1 Colour Key, 12-1 Absolute Liberty Petrel, 14-1 others.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTE LIBERTY 17l 4th of 5 to Love Has No Pride in maiden at Brighton (6f, firm). BARNUM SANDS 5l 4th of 8 to Medaaly in maiden at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). COLOUR KEY (Ireland Apr 16, cost $11,000), second foal by Red Ransom, dam multiple winner in North America. SWORD ARM 3l 4th of 11 to Orondes in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). GO FOR SALT (Mar 10; 15,000 gns), by Hawksley; dam multiple winner at up to 9f in North America. LOGICA 15l 14th of 15 to Dumbelina in maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). NORTHERN PASS (Feb 11), third foal by Crowning; dam juvenile sprint winner in North America. PETREL 9¾l 6th of 13 to Crown Of Light in maiden at Leicester (7f, good).
Selection: SWORD ARM

3.30 H P BULMERS MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,174: 7f 140yd) (9 runners)

1	(2)		EURO SUPERSTAR (Eurocoat Ltd) S Dow 9-0	W J O'Connor	–
2	(3)	0	GREENWICH FORE 25 (T Mills) T Mills 9-0	B Doyle	79
3	(6)	0	KENNEMARA STAR 47 (Windflower Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter	90
4	(9)	0	LE GRAND GOUSIER 12 (A MacGillivray) R Williams 9-0	L Newton (5)	–
5	(7)	0	MISTER JAY 26 (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 9-0	J Carroll	83
6	(4)	3	SAD MAD BAD 22 (P Savill) M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	90
7	(1)	0	SUNDAY MARKET 47 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
8	(8)	2	INCLINATION 15 (D Brown, A Ward) M Blanshard 8-9	J Quinn	88
9	(5)		QUEST FOR BEST (T Tatham) J Gosden 8-9	G Hind	–

BETTING: 2-1 Quest For Best, 7-2 Inclination, 5-1 Kennemara Star, 6-1 Sad Mad Bad, 9-1 others.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GREENWICH FORE 7l 7th of 11 to Hawaii here (6f, good to firm). KENNEMARA STAR 11l 10th of 15 to Saddlers in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) with SUNDAY MARKET 22l 13th. MISTER JAY 15l last of 7 to The West in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). SAD MAD BAD 2¼l 3rd of 4 to Mystic Circle in maiden at Newcastle (6f, good to firm). INCLINATION ¾l 2nd of 11 to Oceanes in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). QUEST FOR BEST (foaled Mar 13; cost $50,000), half-sister by Quest For Fame to American sprint winner.
Selection: INCLINATION

4.00 WADWORTH 6X CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,066: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(8)	160000	BRAVE EDGE 26 (D,F,G) (Home Vale Racing Pnrs) R Hannon 5-9-9	Pat Eddery	88
2	(7)	410006	KING OF THE EAST 6 (S) (Dr K Shimizu) M Stoute 3-9-3	W R Swinburn	88
3	(5)	024210	LUCKY PARKES 30 (D,F,G,S) (J Hales) J Berry 6-9-2	J Carroll	97
4	(1)	042651	BOWDEN ROSE 15 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs C Ward) M Blanshard 4-9-0	J Quinn	95
5	(4)	44122/0-	PRINCELY HUSH 469 (CD,S) (P Philipps) M Bell 4-9-0	M Fenton	–
6	(6)	3-40040	THAT MAN AGAIN 62 (B,D,F,G) (J Duffy, P Jamieson) E Lowes 4-9-0	G Duffield	90
7	(9)	363-110	FOND EMBRACE 8 (D,F,S) (Commander G Marten) N Gandy 5-8-12	G Carter	92
8	(2)	0232-50	HIGH PRIORITY 6 (D,F) (Mrs E Sheehan) M Channon 3-8-12	R Perham	87
9	(3)	5-00202	AMAZING BAY 15 (D,F) (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-7	T Quinn	88

BETTING: 3-1 King Of The East, 4-1 Lucky Parkes, 5-1 Brave Edge, Fond Embrace, 6-1 Bowden Rose, 8-1 others

1995: DON'T WORRY ME 3-8-9 Paul Eddery (3-1) F Lee 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE EDGE 12l 24th of 30 to Coastal Bluff in Vodac Stewards' Cup at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) KING OF THE EAST about 6l 6th of 11 to Carranita in listed race at Nemarket (6f, good to soft) with HIGH PRIORITY (5lb better off) 16l 9th. LUCKY PARKES 5l 8th of 14 to Rambling Bear in group III King George Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) with BRAVE EDGE (4lb worse off) further short-head 9th and AMAZING BAY (5lb better off) 7l 12th. BOWDEN ROSE beat AMAZING BAY (4lb better off) ½l in conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good). PRINCELY HUSH 18l last of 7 to Lake Coniston in group III Duke Of York Stakes at York last year (6f, good). FOND EMBRACE 3½l 7th of 20 to Blue Iris in handicap at York (5f, good).
Selection: LUCKY PARKES

4.30 BODDINGTONS HANDICAP (£4,325: 1m 3f 106yd) (11 runners)

1	(8)	211121	PISTOL 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 6-10-0	Pat Eddery	94
2	(1)	0100-02	MR BROWNING 26 (B,F) (Mrs M O'Shea) R Akehurst 5-9-10	S Sanders	94
3	(10)	613350	VILLAGE KING 7 (B,F) (N Ahamad) R Hannon 3-9-3	W J O'Connor	97
4	(11)	2-05506	CLASSY CHIEF 10 (F Skargo) R Boss 3-9-2	G Duffield	85
5	(3)	0-0425	ALICIA 19 (BF) (Ettore Landi) J Dunlop 3-9-1	W R Swinburn	91
6	(7)	350424	PRINCE DANZIG 23 (C,F,G) (A Ulrich) D Murray Smith 5-9-0	J Reid	94
7	(5)	6-61033	SHINING DANCER 15 (F) (Lalemaha Pnrs) S Dow 4-8-12	D Harrison	97
8	(2)	45062	VERIDIAN 13 (Mrs P Harris) F Harris 3-8-12	G Hind	98
9	(9)	460301	ARKTIKOS 12 (V,CD,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-10	B Doyle	91
10	(6)	0150	CLAIRE'S DANCER 27 (C,G) (Mrs C Hollowood) A Turnell 3-8-9	T Ives	85
11	(4)	52-1011	GLOW FORUM 13 (C,F,G,S) (A Smith) L Montague Hall 5-7-11	Martin Dwyer (5)	89

BETTING: 3-1 Pistol, 4-1 Mr Browning, 7-1 Arktikos, 8-1 Prince Danzig, Glow Forum, 10-1 Alicia, 12-1 others

1995: CONTRARRE 3-8-13 S Sanders (6-1) W Jarvis 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PISTOL beat Newport Knight short-head in 8-runner handicap at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good). MR BROWNING short-head 2nd of 7 to Castial Water in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). ALICIA neck 2nd of 7 to Lalindi in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. PRINCE DANZIG 6¾l 4th of 5 to Cannon Venture at Brighton (1m 4f, firm). SHINING DANCER about 14l 3rd of 14 to Kristal Breeze in handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). VERIDIAN 15l 2nd of 9 to Sawo-ld in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm). ARKTIKOS beat Full Throttle head in 8-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm). GLOW FORUM beat Tabriz 9l in 10-runner handicap at Southwell (1m 4f, standard).
Selection: MR BROWNING (nap)

5.00 MERRYDOWN HANDICAP (All-weather: £3,589: 7f) (16 runners)

1	(11)	223442	FOUR OF SPADES 13 (V,CD,F,G) R Hodges 5-10-0	Amanda Sanders (5)	87
2	(12)	640166	DUR SHADEE 12 (V,CD,BF,F,G) (A Ivory) A Ivory 6-9-13	C Scally	87
3	(7)	043040	INVOCATION 19 (CD,F,G) (R Kiernan) A Moore 9-8-10	Dane O'Neill	86
4	(5)	200650	SPEEDY CLASSIC 19 (CD,F,G) (Stainless Services) M Heaton-Ellis 7-9-7	A Clark	87
5	(2)	12-3040	TIME CLASH 90 (C,F,G) (Mrs D Hughes) B Palling 3-8-6	Martin Dwyer (5)	84
6	(15)	111212	FARMOST 33 (D,BF,F,G,S) (W Sturt) M Pressley 3-9-5	G Duffield	88
7	(8)	B06030	MISS HAVERSHAM 7 (B) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-4	P Bloomfield	94
8	(1)	063134	SHARP IMP 11 (B,C,D,F,G) (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 8-9-4	D Biggs	92
9	(13)	00-0550	JOLTO 13 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Barclay) K McArdle 7-9-4	J Weaver	94
10	(14)	204254	ROCKY WATERS 29 (V,CD,F,G) (P Chomiak) P Burgoyne 7-9-4	T Quinn	86
11	(9)	000003	HAWAII STORM 33 (CD,G,S) (C Capell) D French Davis 8-9-4	R Painter (5)	83
12	(4)	012366	SUPERIOR FORCE 15 (C,G) (Copthorne Ltd) Miss B Sanders 3-9-2	S Sanders	91
13	(6)	503103	DAHIYAH 24 (V,C,F,G) (W Uttord) D Williams 5-9-0	D Harrison	98
14	(16)	000	CLASSIC ROYALE 21 (Classic Bloodstock Plc) R Hams 3-8-13	A Mackay	85
15	(3)	000680	JUSTINIANUS 10 (D,G,S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-8-3	J Quinn	96
16	(10)	0/0-0/	SYMMETRICAL 861J (A Aylett) M Madgwick 7-7-10	N Varley (3)	–

Long handicap: Symmetrical 6-11

BETTING: 3-1 Farmost, 5-1 Four Of Spades, 7-1 Sharp Imp, 10-1 Rocky Waters, Our Shadee, 12-1 others

1995: ABLE CHOICE 5-9-6 L Dettori (16-1) R Armstrong 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOUR OF SPADES neck 2nd of 11 to Welcome Lu in handicap at Catterick (7f, good to firm). OUR SHADEE 2l 6th of 15 to Fanly Sure in apprentice handicap here (7f 140yd, good to firm). INVOCATION 9¾l 8th of 14 to Louch Eme in handicap here (6f, good to firm) with SPEEDY CLASSIC 15l 12th. FARMOST 3½l 2nd of 5 to Salesmah in handicap here (7f 140yd, firm). SHARP IMP 4¼l 4th of 5 to Frude Of Hayling in handicap at Brighton (5f 213yd, firm). Previously SHARP IMP beat Creeking 7¾l in handicap at Brighton (7f, firm) with ROCKY WATERS (3lb worse off) 3l 4th. HAWAII STORM 5¼l 3rd of 7 to Whatever's Right in handicap here (7f, standard). DAHIYAH 5¼l 3rd of 7 to Talahhus in seller at Brighton (6f, firm).
Selection: FARMOST

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	19	72	26.4	Pat Eddery	16	71	22.5
Lord Huntingdon	49	227	21.2	W R Swinburn	6	27	22.2
J Berry	30	142	21.1	R Hills	16	74	21.6
M Prescott	25	123	20.3	J Carroll	11	53	20.8
M Stoute	10	51	19.6	J Weaver	72	255	20.3
L Montague Hall	7	37	18.9	C Scally	6	32	18.8

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

2.20 Bayrak. 2.50 Lunar Music. 3.20 I'm Still Here. 3.50 Magic Lake. 4.20 Cebwob. 4.50 Kalar.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.20 ROYAL SCOTS HANDICAP
(£3,152: 1m 4f 31yd) (12 runners)

101	(11)	0304	BAYRAK 42 (CD,G,S) M Ryan 6-10-0	M Tebbutt	97
102	(3)	1222	BLENHEIM TERRACE 17 (C,G) C Booth 3-9-6	A Culhane	88
103	(2)	0344	AMBIDEXTROUS 10 (C,F) E Alston 4-9-5	J Fortune	92
104	(8)	0032	FULL THROTTLE 12 M Tompkins 3-9-2	M Henry (3)	94
105	(9)	3362	LORD ADVOCATE 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Nolan 8-9-0	V Halliday	96
106	(4)	0000	CHANTRY BEATH 13 (CD,G,S) C Thornton 5-8-10	D McKeown	90
107	(12)	6-00	NOIR ESPRIT 100 J Carr 3-8-8	N Kennedy	89
108	(1)	2225	CAMPASPE 13 (D,F) J Fitzgerald 4-8-8	K Fallon	95
109	(6)	5141	MONACO GOLD 21 (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-6	D Wright (3)	96
110	(10)	6405	RAPID MOVER 10 (B,S) D Nolan 9-7-10	K Slad (7)	95
111	(5)	4034	SECONDS AWAY 10 J Goldie 5-7-10	T Williams	97
112	(7)	0500	JABAROOT 2 (D,F) R McKellar 5-7-10	J McAuley (7)	82

3-1 Monaco Gold, 4-1 Full Throttle, 5-1 Blenheim Terrace, 6-1 Ambidextrous, Bayrak, 8-1 Lord Advocate, Campaspe, 10-1 others

2.50 SALAMANCA SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,654: 5f) (8)

201	(7)	606	BARACHOIS LAD 13 (B) J J O'Neill 8-11	T Williams	–
202	(6)	3451	CONTRAVENE 10 (D,F) J Berry 8-11	K Darley	88
203	(4)	1455	LUNAR MUSIC 8 (D,F) M Meade 8-11	D Sweeney (7)	96
204	(8)	6	TRUE PERSPECTIVE 14 J Bethell 8-11	S Drowne	–
205	(1)	0324	LE SHUTTLE 6 (BF) M Tompkins 8-6	M Henry (3)	95
206	(3)	3084	MELBOURNE PRINCESS 15 (BF) A Whitaker 8-6	D McKeown	98
207	(5)		MISS FUGIT PENANCE P Evans 8-6	J F Egan	–
208	(2)	5420	WEDDING MUSIC 6 P Haslam 8-6	J Fortune	89

9-4 Lunar Music, 3-1 Contravene, 5-1 Melbourne Princess, 6-1 Le Shuttle, 8-1 Wedding Music, 10-1 True Perspective, 12-1 others

3.20 STEVE WOOD MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,820: 7f 15yd) (9)

301	(7)	545	ITALIAN SYMPHONY 13 M Johnston 9-7	K Darley	86
302	(4)	120	BEN'S RIDGE 3 (D,G) P Haslam 9-6	J Fortune	93
303	(3)	1606	STRIDE 12 (CD,F,G) M Meade 9-3	D Sweeney (7)	89
304	(2)	4154	I CAN'T REMEMBER 10 (F,S) P Evans 9-0	J F Egan	93
305	(5)	0152	SMOKEY FROM CAPLAW 13 (F) J J O Neill 8-11	K Fallon	93
306	(6)	003	ZORBA 31 C Thornton 8-5	D McKeown	88
307	(1)	4144	HELLO DOLLY 11 (G) A Burke 8-3	S Drowne	89
308	(9)	436	CHANSON D'AMOUR 55 Miss L Perratt 8-2	T Williams	84
309	(8)	2462	I'M STILL HERE 10 J Berry 8-2	L Charnock	85

3-1 Ben's Ridge, 7-2 Stride, 4-1 Italian Symphony, 6-1 Smokey From Caplaw, 8-1 I Can't Remember Zorba, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 6 winners from 16 runners, 37.5%, M Prescott, 8 from 32, 25.0%, P Evans, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Berry, 36 from 178, 20.2%, J Fitzgerald, 3 from 16, 18.8%, P Haslam, 7 from 42, 16.7%

JOCKEYS: A Culhane, 16 winners from 46 rides, 21.7%, K Darley, 38 from 179, 21.2%; D Wright, 5 from 32, 15.6%, K Fallon, 23 from 150, 15.3%, V Halliday, 4 from 31, 12.9%, J Fortune, 17 from 135, 12.6%, L Charnock, 11 from 102, 10.8%

3.50 INTER CHRISTMAS TREE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,566: 7f 15yd) (10)

401	(3)	0242	UNCLE GEORGE 5 (V,F) M Tompkins 9-7	M Henry (3)	93
402	(2)	2143	MOLETRIAN CITY 15 (G,D,BF,F) J Berry 9-1	K Darley	94
403	(7)	1045	TERANON 15 (V,C,G) Mrs L Perratt 8-13	J Fortune	89
404	(1)	0024	SCATHEBURY 9 (B,G) K Burke 8-13	K Fallon	93
405	(6)	2642	CREEKING 23 (B,BF) M Prescott 8-12	R Havlin (3)	93
406	(9)	0000	PETITE HERITIERE 13 M Ryan 8-8	M Baird (5)	87
407	(5)	4102	MAGIC LAKE 8 (D,F) E Alston 8-3	S Drowne	97
408	(4)	0032	MADONNA DA ROSSI 19 M Dods 7-12	L Charnock	94
409	(10)	4043	RISOTSTAR 27 (B) M Dods 7-12	N Kennedy	88
410	(8)	0050	DOMUSKY 21 R Bastiman 7-10	D Wright (3)	90

9-4 Creeking, 4-1 Uncle George, 5-1 Magic Lake, 6-1 Scathebury, 7-1 Meletrian City, 8-1 Rossitar, Madonna Da Rossi, 10-1 others

4.20 RILEY SCOTLAND GOLD HEART CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,598: 1m 3f 32yd) (8)

501	(2)	6323	BREYDON 26 M Tompkins 9-6	M Henry (3)	76
502	(3)	5002	TABRIZ 13 (G) J Bethell 9-5	S Drowne	89
503	(8)	0-02	ARC OF THE DIVER 13 (B) J Berry 9-4	K Darley	97
504	(11)	0042	CEBWOB 10 (G) P Cole 9-1	J Fortune	97
505	(4)	0	JIMMY-S 19 R McKellar 8-10	J McAuley (7)	–
506	(5)	0050	POLISH SAGA 13 M Dods 8-7	J F Egan	96
507	(6)	5505	PHILGEMI 12 C Fairhurst 8-3	N Kennedy	85
508	(7)	3333	RAGTIME COWGIRL 4 (F) C Thornton 8-1	T Williams	95

2-1 Cebwob, 7-2 Arc Of The Diver, 4-1 Breydon, 5-1 Ragtime Cowgirl, 6-1 Tabriz, 10-1 Philgem, 12-1 others

4.50 PERGODA APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,766: 5f) (15)

601	(6)	0162	NINETY-FIVE 30 (CD,F) J Fitzgerald 4-9-11	F Lynch	90
602	(8)	3220	SILK COTTAGE 10 (B,CD,G) R Whitaker 4-9-10	S Drowne	94
603	(12)	2235	SONGSHEET 10 (D,G) M Meade 3-9-9	D Sweeney (3)	90
604	(10)	3160	LADY CAROLINE LAMB 11 (D,F,S) R Bastiman 3-9-5	H Bastiman	91
605	(14)	5332	SIX FOR LUCK 19 (CD,F) D Nolan 4-9-3	K Sked (5)	97
606	(15)	0005	JOHAYRO 42 (B,D,F) J Goldie 3-9-2	G Lee	85
607	(3)	0064	JUST LADY 13 (D,F) W G M Turner 3-9-0	R Havlin	87
608	(9)	2212	KALAR 6 (B,D,F,G) D Ch

Footballers must follow a different train of thought

Can an Olympic sprinter save English football? It's a thought prompted by the latest signing down at Ruud Gullit's multi-national Chelsea. This time it is not another Italian or Frenchman to strengthen Vialli, Di Matteo, Leboeuf and crew — but a British athlete. Ade Mafe, who joins the squad as "fitness coach".

Mafe, who was a 200 metres finalist at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984, is convinced, as many have been before him, that the fitness of many of our professional footballers is appalling when compared with the conditioning of track and field athletes.And the ever-growing intake of foreign players into the game is making it ever more evident how our players are falling behind the fitness standards required of international players.

Kevin Keegan, who knows more than most about European methods, tells a great story about the first time that Faustino Asprilla turned up for training at Newcastle United. He did a tough session of weight-training and running that lasted for almost two hours. At the end of it he asked cheerfully, "What time do you want me back this afternoon?" The question of training twice a day would simply baffle most British players, who have been raised on the tradition that the afternoon is theirs to go along to the pub or the

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billiard hall, and that a touch of exercise in the morning is quite enough.

The pattern, like so much else in British sport, is a hangover from the past, when most players were little more than part-time professionals. In the Fifties, footballers who were paid a couple of pounds a week used to train till noon and then take off to be plumbers or electricians in the afternoon. But to someone like Mafe such an approach by today's highly paid professional is madness. And, in the Chelsea supporters' magazine, he spells out some tough warnings to any player stuck in the timewarp of football's past.

"If they go down to the pub in the afternoon, I will not stop them," he said. "But if they are feeling rough the next day, and I am training them, they are going to have to be ready for me." It is clear that Mafe, who spent the best years of his sprinting life working-out with the likes of Linford Christie and Carl Lewis, is not going to let the football players get away with fantasy fitness.

Nor should they. Never before has so much been known about the science of sporting excellence and the most effective ways to guarantee superior performance. There is no need, and no excuse these days, to use guesswork and unproven dressing-room lore to draw up physical training programmes. In-

BRYANT'S EYE

creasingly, football around the world has been turning to sports scientists and to track and field experts to tap into detailed information about physiology, biomechanics, nutrition and psychology. Chelsea are just the latest in the history of teams that have turned to fitness gurus to knock them into shape.

Nottingham Forest have used a former body-builder and marathon runner, Peter Edwards, who spent years in Italy studying how Italian players keep in shape. At one stage Edwards had the Forest squad sprinting with mini parachutes harnessed to their backs to boost their leg power.

In Scotland, the former professional sprinter, George McNeill, has worked with Hearts, and over the seasons other athletes, including Sebastian Coe (Chelsea), Joe Lancaster (Manchester City), and the one-time national director of coaching, Frank Dick, have all been called upon to stop players from wilting in the second half.

One of the more unlikely sounding fitness gurus was Len Heppell, father-in-law of the former Newcastle and West Ham United footballer, Bryan "Pop" Robson. Heppell, who advised clubs including Manchester City and West Ham, was an expert on table tennis and ballroom dancing. His speciality was to advise players on balance, and he is reckoned to have done wonders for Clyde Best.

Along at Chelsea, Mafe promises to keep a sharp eye on what the players eat and drink. Athletes have long known that, by manipulating the carbohydrate in your diet, you can dramatically boost endurance, and with a large percentage of goals being scored in the last quarter of a match, the team with the best nutritional knowledge could be the team getting them.

Apart from pasta-loading and twice-a-day training sessions, Mafe might also take a look at

'Half-time tea is another quaint British tradition'

changing another quaint British footballing tradition — half-time tea. This is that strange 15-minute period when British players gulp strong tea while being bawled out by their manager. In Scandinavian clubs, by contrast, players have taken the advice of the best sports scientists and move into the gym at half-time for light exercises and stretching, while topping up on carbohydrate-replacing sports drinks.

If Mafe is looking for some stimulating half-time exercise at Stamford Bridge, he might consider a stunt pulled by West Ham in the late 1950s. The great sprint star of the time, E. McDonald Bailey, sometime co-holder of the world 100 metres record and a winner of 14 AAAs titles, thought British footballers were hopelessly unfit and taunted West Ham by betting that none of them could match the speed of the fastest woman in the land.

Britain's sprint queen of the time was Dorothy Hyman, a girl who ran for Hickleton Main Youth Club. She could run 100 metres in 11.3sec and, try as they might, none of the West Ham team could get near it.

Of course, Mafe will find that things have moved on a bit in British football since then — but, sadly, not a lot.

JOHN BRYANT

GOLF: SOUTH AFRICAN OPENS UP TWO-SHOT ADVANTAGE ON RAIN-SHORTENED FIRST DAY OF BRITISH MASTERS

Levenson becomes unlikely leader with opening 66

By Mel Webb

WHO said that it is better to travel than to arrive? Try putting that to Gavin Levenson, who went through all manner of tortures to get from Johannesburg to England earlier this week, then shot a 66 in the first round of the One 2 One British Masters at Collingtree Park yesterday to take a two-stroke lead. Of the two, the South African put getting here a poor second to being here.

Levenson, 42, has been a PGA European Tour player since 1979, and has won twice in Europe, but has finished 144th, 122nd and 135th in the Order of Merit in the past three years. This season his record is even worse — he is 172nd with less than £14,000 in the kitty. It is not, on the face of it, the career profile of a man who is likely, or even capable, of leading after the first round of a £700,000 championship.

Four days ago he was not even in the tournament, let alone heading for the lead. He started the week as fifth reserve, then got a telephone call at midday on Monday from Sue Lloyd, the Tour's membership secretary, who told him that he had moved up to third, and how did he feel about coming to England?

Levenson thought about it, and on balance decided he would; when he was informed that he had moved up to first alternate, that settled it. He thought he had plenty of time, he thought the tournament did not start until Thursday. Not so, he was told — the first round was on Wednesday. Panic ensued.

Several increasingly desperate and fruitless telephone calls later, he had been offered a bargain-basement flight by British Airways — a snip at less than £400 return. BA's claim that it is the world's favourite airline may or may not be true, but it is certainly Levenson's.

By the time that he got on the plane, he had got a definite start, achieved when Mark McNulty, an old friend,

FIRST ROUND

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

66: G Levenson (SA) 68: C Montgomerie 69: J Cocares (Arg), R Russell, R Allenby (Aus), D Gilford, S Cage, M Clayton (Aus), M Roe, E Canonica (It) 70: F Cea (Sp), D Howell, P Hedblom (Swe) 71: S Bohomley, O Sellberg (Swe), J Haeggman (Swe), S Ames (Trin), K Eriksson (Swe), R Chapman, M Davis, P Fulke (Swe), M Gates, A Haglund (Swe), 72: N Fasth (Swe), M Jonzon (Swe), C Cevaer (Fr), T Bjorn (Den), T Johnstone (Zimb), P Harrington, P Linhart (Sp), D Carter. 73: R McFarlane, D Hospital (Sp), S Ballesteros (Sp), P Broadhurst, G Turner (NZ), M Harwood (Aus), B Pappas (SA), P Teravainen (US), J van de Velde (Fr), O Rojahn (Nor), S McAllister, N Briggs 74: P Mokoney (Aus), E Darcy, D Smyth, M A Jiménez (Sp), F Lindgren (Swe), G Ryall, G Evans, R Coles, P Affleck, T Planchin (Fr). 75: S Field, F Nobilo (NZ), J Hawksworth, J Spence, H P Thuel (Ger), J Townsend (US), P Eales, D Williams, G Clark, C Suneson (Sp), M A Martin (Sp)

dropped out. McNulty, it is fair to say, is now even more firmly cemented in Levenson's affections.

He just had time to phone Mick Jones, his English caddie, and tell him to decamp to Northampton as swiftly as he could and, before Jones's arrival, managed to get in a practice round on Tuesday with the help of several friendly caddies, who carried his bag for three or four holes each.

It seemed to do him a power of good because, in his first competitive round since he missed the cut in the French Open in June, he had eight birdies, eight pars and only two bogeys. He also had a mere 23 putts, an initially impressive figure that did not hold up so well to close examination — he missed 11 greens and had to rely on some sharp chipping to put him close to the hole.

It was a quantum leap from last Saturday, when Levenson was working the crowds at The Presidency, a nine-hole course in the grounds of Nelson Mandela's residence in Pretoria. He is heavily involved in the development of the game in South Africa, and on Monday he was calling in the pledges that he had received from some of the country's leading businessmen. Now he has gone from fund-raiser for others to money-maker for himself.

Levenson ended the curtailed day — play was suspended twice for thunder, lightning and rain before being abandoned at 6.45 with half the field still on the course — two strokes ahead of Colin Montgomerie, who made not a semblance of a mistake in his four-birdie 68.

Montgomerie was his usual massively impressive self, driving straight and putting solidly. If form and innate class counts for anything, the Scot will still be in contention come Saturday and Levenson will not. Yes, golf *is* a funny old game — but not that funny, surely.

STEFAN ROUSSEAU



Levenson chips at the 17th on his way to a six-under-par 66 at Collingtree Park

Solheim Cup hopefuls await Walker's choice



Walker: five wild cards

From Patricia Davies in Orebro, Sweden

THE complications, computations and calculations will all be resolved come Sunday but in the meantime the game of "Pick Your Solheim Cup Team" is still on, with the focus of attention on the inaugural women's Compaq Open, which starts here in the Swedish countryside west of Stockholm today.

The peaceful, rural surroundings are in stark contrast to the churnings of the players in contention for a place in Europe's side to play the United States at St Pierre, Chepstow, next month.

Mickey Walker, the Europe captain, has five wild cards to use and three of them will go to the Swedish trio of Liselotte Neumann, Helen Alfredsson and Catrin Nilsmark. They will join Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, Laura Davies, Alison Nicholas, Lisa Hackney and Annika Sorenstam, who are assured of finishing in the top seven on the Solheim Cup points table. Then the fun starts.

Trish Johnson, a stalwart of the previous three matches, is sixth on the table, but she is not here this week and if she is knocked out of the top seven, her experience will ensure her the fourth wild card.

At the moment, Lora Fairclough, the Lancastrian who made her Solheim Cup debut at The Greenbrier two years ago, is hanging on to seventh place but it is still mathematically possible for both her and Johnson to be overtaken by one or other of the three players next on the list: Joanne Morley, Patricia Meunier Lebouc and Karina Orum.

Fairclough's brief this week is deceptively simple. It is to stay ahead of Morley, who tied for second, behind Sorenstam, at the Trygg Hansa Open near Stockholm last week. Lebouc and Orum. To that extent, her Solheim Cup place is still in her own hands.

That is not the case for Carin Hj Koch, of Sweden, nor for the Scots, Kathryn Marshall and Dale Reid. They must rely on Walker's largesse. Koch, who plays most of her golf in the United States now, missed the cut in Stockholm last week and, like all the peripheral players, is feeling the strain.

Marshall, who relished being the travelling, but non-playing reserve — a position now abolished — at The Greenbrier, desperately wants to be on the team but her form, both in Europe and the US this season, has been indifferent. She shared sixth place at the Trygg Hansa but it might prove too little, too late.

If Johnson needs a wild card, that will leave only one and Walker thinks an awful lot of Reid. The 37-year-old from Ladybank has finished in the top ten only twice this season, but she has played in all three matches so far, and she loves beating Americans. She might not even need to make the cut this week to be in the side.

All the foregoing assumptions are just that: assumptions. In the end, two people will pick themselves and Walker's gut instinct will decide the rest.

SOLHEIM CUP STANDINGS: 1, M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 1,123.90pts; 2, L Davies (GB) 819; 3, A Nicholas (GB) 815.33; 4, L Hackney (GB) 764.00; 5, A Sorenstam (Swe) 683.00; 6, T Johnson (GB) 588.07; 7, L Fairclough (GB) 570.40; 8, J Morley (GB) 551.33; 9, P Meunier Lebouc (Fr) 452.30; 10, K Orum (Den) 424.00

RUGBY UNION

Connolly adds to Harlequins' wealth of talent

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ENGLISH rugby union clubs have now completed the signing of virtually the entire Wigan rugby league back division, with the recruitment of Gary Connolly to the refurbished Harlequins. Only Kris Radlinski and Shaun Edwards have not found a temporary union home as their colleagues take a closer look at a sport which, a year ago, was forbidden territory.

Connolly, the powerful Great Britain centre, would have toured in the Southern Hemisphere in October but for the bar placed upon him by the Australian Rugby League, in the wake of their dispute with the Super League. Thus Connolly, 25, is free to accept a short-term contract (until January) with Harlequins as is the similarly-placed Jason Robinson at Bath.

But the Harlequins purse is also long enough to afford Robbie Paul, younger brother of Henry, who signed for Bath earlier this month. Robbie, 20, is mature enough to have captained Bradford Bulls this summer and is, arguably, one of the most exciting players in world rugby: not only can he play in virtually any position behind the scrum, he also kicks goals.

"We have assembled a squad I am very pleased with," Richard Best, director of rugby at the Stoop, said yesterday. "It's so new it will take time to get in the groove but the honeymoon period we have enjoyed so far has worked well." Not that Harlequins will put all their twinkling stars on display in the first league match of the season, against Gloucester on Saturday, but four of their new internationals will play in the pack.

The backs will include Will Carling, the former England captain who was omitted from England's latest training squad of 43, along with Rory Underwood, Jeremy Guscott and Dean Richards. The distinguished quartet were overlooked last month for training purposes. Carling, tongue not noticeably in his cheek, described Connolly as "probably the best rugby centre in Britain" but the Wigan player acknowledged the need to find his feet.

"Rugby union is kicking off in a big way, I enjoyed the game with Bath last May and I hope there are things I can take from union, as well as give to it," he said. That cross-code match at Twickenham is his only experience of union and Connolly accepts short-term contracts will not create the finished article. "But, if we have a couple of years' experience, maybe we can make ourselves into international rugby union players."

Even though union clubs have accepted a substantial portion of the Wigan wage bill, the quality of players arriving at Harlequins and Bath is an implicit threat to league. Connolly and Henry Paul have already admitted a growing interest in the financial opportunities that union can offer, as well as the chance

TRAINING SQUAD

BACKS: M Catt (Bath), T Stimpson (Newcastle), A Adebayo (Bath), D Luger (Harlequins), J Naylor (Orrell), J Sleightholme (Bath), T Underwood (Newcastle), A Blyth (Newcastle), P de Glanville (Bath), W Greenwood (Leicester), N Greenstock (Wasps), D Hopley (Wasps), P Challinor (Harlequins), P Grayson (Northampton), A King (Wasps), K Bracken (Saracens), M Dawson (Northampton), A Gomarsall (Wasps), A Healey (Leicester)

FORWARDS: D Garforth (Leicester), R Hardwick (Coventry), J Leonard (Harlequins), J Mallett (Bath), G Rowntree (Leicester), R Cockerill (Leicester), P Greening (Gloucester), N McCarthy (Bath), M Regan (Bristol), G Archer (Newcastle), J Fowler (Sale), M Johnson (Leicester), D Sims (Gloucester), S Shaw (Bristol), R West (Richmond), B Clarke (Richmond), M Corry (Bristol), A Diprose (Saracens), L Dallaglio (Wasps), R Hill (Saracens), S Ojomoh (Bath), T Rodber (Northampton), P Scrivener (Wasps), C Sheasby (Wasps)

to play cross-border matches, and Robinson is of the same ilk.

His move to Bath was confirmed after it became clear that Simon Geoghegan would not start the season. The operation on his toes required by the Irish wing has yet to prove successful, leaving Bath with Jon Sleightholme and Adedayo Adebayo and the young newcomer, Michael Horne, to cover the flanks. But England's management may note that one of their squad, Steve Ojomoh, has been ousted from Bath's back row against Orrell on Saturday by Richard Webster, the former Wales international who has joined from Salford.

The only newcomer to the England training squad which meets at Bisham Abbey next Wednesday is Richard West, who takes the place of the injured Martin Bayfield. West, capped during the World Cup, has moved from Gloucester to Richmond after a disappointing 1995-96 and gets his chance after a pelvic injury to Bayfield.

The selection policy has been consistent even though Carling may suggest, quite legitimately, that the younger players could benefit by rubbing shoulders with the likes of Guscott and Underwood.

BOWLS: WORCESTERSHIRE PAIR SNATCH THRILLING VICTORY AT WORTHING

Allcock denied by final delivery

By Gordon Allan

THE English Bowling Association (EBA) pairs championship continues to elude Tony Allcock, who needs it to complete a full set of titles. In a splendid final at Worthing yesterday, he and his Cheltenham partner, Andrew Wills, were beaten 20-19 by Ian Maddox and Rob Stanley, of the Bank House Hotel club, near Worcester.

Maddox and Stanley, in their first season as a partnership, went into the last end leading 20-17. A few minutes later, with one bowl left, Stanley stood on the mat facing a match lie, four shots down. The situation called for a classic pressure shot and Stanley, to his great credit, produced it, trailing the jack to cut the Cheltenham count to two.

Wills and Allcock had the edge in the early stages but Maddox and Stanley tied the scores twice and led 16-10 after 15 ends, before dropping a five on the sixteenth. Two doubles took the Worcestershire pair to 20-16, setting the scene for the tense closing act.

Those hoping for an all-Cumbria final were disappointed, both Wigton pairs losing in the semi-finals. Wills and Allcock beat Ron Gass and John Bell, the 1991 champions, 22-15 and Maddox and Stanley eliminated Paul Barlow and Stephen Farish by 22-5. Gass and Bell, after a discouraging start, got as close as 16-15 at 18 ends. In the other match, everything ran for Maddox and Stanley, and Barlow and Farish conceded at 16 ends.

Farish will hope for consolation in the singles, a title he won four years ago. He won his preliminary round match yesterday, beating Andy Meikle, of Saxmundham, 21-12. There are three other past champions in the field this year — Allcock, John Ottaway and John Wickham.

☐ The holders of the national outdoor and indoor pairs titles were among the early casualties at the Double Century women's championships at Royal Leamington Spa. Norma Beales and Mary Price, from Buckinghamshire, the defending champions, lost to Sharon and Mavis Wellington, of Devon, while Mandy Jacklin and Catherine Anton, their indoor counterparts, went out to Dorothy Gibbons and Ina Foote, of Middlesex.

Wellington, who came in for one match when Norma Shaw fell ill during the world championships earlier this month, enjoyed her return to Victoria Park, partnering her daughter-in-law to an exciting victory, gained with a single on the extra end.

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RUGBY LEAGUE: INJURED SCRUM HALF EXTENDS CONTRACT AT WIGAN

Edwards doubtful for autumn tour

By Christopher Irvine

SHAUN EDWARDS has secured his long-term future at Wigan after rumblings of discontent but, in the short-term, an injury means the Great Britain scrum half is in danger of missing the tour next month to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand.

A knee injury has plagued Edwards for the second half of the season. He played with pain-killing injections several times. A decision will be taken shortly on whether surgery is required, in which case he would withdraw.

Edwards, who was forced by injury to miss the 1990 tour to New Zealand, is not optimistic. "It looks as though I could be out," he said. "My knee has been troubling me recently. The surgeon has seen the scan results and I expect to see him in the next couple of weeks."

Craig Murdock, who replaced him in the Wigan side when Edwards was controversially dropped to the substitutes' bench for three matches, would be the favourite to replace him in the Great Britain squad. Edwards has since regained his starting place at Central Park. He was linked with several clubs before the issue of his contract was finally resolved this week.

Edwards, 29, has agreed a one-year extension to his existing deal, which still has 16 months to run. "We didn't want to lose Shaun and we're just pleased that we can keep him here until the end of 1998," Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said.

Many of the smaller clubs in the first and second divisions are to meet tomorrow, amid talk of switching their season back to winter and fears about their future, with cuts in their share of the Super League television contract proposed and the move by Super League clubs to administer the elite competition themselves.

Maurice Lindsay and Sir Rodney Walker, the Rugby Football League chief executive and chairman respectively, issued a joint appeal yesterday, calling on clubs to protect the game's interests. Lindsay said: "Clubs must be allowed, on occasions, to disagree with each other. These [disagreements], however, must take place in the proper forum, when all clubs are present and when any resulting vote would be democratic and binding."

Sir Rodney supported the call for calm and said: "I fully understand why clubs from different levels of the game wish to discuss issues of common concern, but at the end of the day, all must act with the intention of protecting the true interests of rugby league."

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CRICKET: ENGLAND TOUR PLACES AT STAKE IN ONE-DAY SERIES

Pakistan aiming to compensate for World Cup debacle

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE perverse satisfaction that England's cricket followers appear to find in defeat is frequently denied to them when the Texaco Trophy comes around. England fare so well in these mini-series that, with the exception of a whitewash by Australia three summers ago, they have seen off allcomers since 1991.

This sits somewhat incongruously with the despair of a World Cup campaign, six months ago, in which England, displaying a primitive approach to a modernised limited-overs game, lost to every Test-playing nation they met. Their record of 14 wins from the past 19 completed Texaco games is now to receive a stern examination by one of those sides, Pakistan.

Old Trafford stages the first of three games today, on a bare, cracked pitch, and the ground will be filled to capacity. The same applies to Edgbaston, on Saturday, and only a few tickets remain for Trent Bridge on Sunday.

England have already improved their imposing Texaco record this season in a one-sided series against India. Unacclimatised and rudderless, India lost heavily in Leeds and Manchester and would have suffered the same fate at the Oval but for the intervention of rain.

India, however, had just arrived. Pakistan have been in the country for more than two months and have demonstrated their liking for English conditions by winning the important cricket, the Test series, by an impressive margin. What is more, they have a particular incentive for maintaining the momentum through what might otherwise be thought a more trivial cabaret.

To appreciate this incentive fully, it is necessary to know that one-day cricket is thought to be anything but trivial in Pakistan. It is, indeed, literally a matter of life and death, as confirmed by the alarmingly extreme public reaction to the failure of their team to make a successful defence of the World Cup.

Losing in the quarter-finals was bad enough. Losing to India was unendurable and some grim suicide cases resulted. Wasim Akram was also quite unfairly vilified because some refused to accept that he had missed the fateful game with a genuine injury.

Pakistan captains have fallen for less but Wasim is made of tougher stuff and this tour has been a triumph for his leadership. He will be anxious to complete it with reassuring evidence, for those back home, that Pakistan can still win at the form of the game they love, though in truth he will have mixed feelings about it.

"We should play more Test cricket," he said. "In Pakistan, the one-days are killing Tests." Wasim is correct in his warning, as crowd figures emphasise, but doubtless he is also aware that the three bowlers at the heart of Pakistan's success are better suited to Test cricket.

Waqar Younis and Wasim himself are aggressive fast bowlers, who take wickets without worrying overmuch about the cost. They will win many a five-day game but, in limited-overs cricket, where bowlers need only be niggardly and negative, they can be an expensive luxury. To some degree, the same is true of their wonderful leg spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed.

Against this, Pakistan have a batting line-up ideally suited to the one-day tempo, with an opening pair, in Sohail and Anwar, who like nothing better than to biff the ball over the penned infield during the initial 15 overs. The omission of Alistair Brown, despite a century in his last international, means that England have no one accomplished in this role and their opening pair will be Michael Atherton and Nick Knight, with Alec Stewart at No. 3.

Pakistan are also favoured by a settled team. Nine of the side that beat England in Karachi in March are likely to play today but, of England's XI that day, only Atherton, Graham Thorpe, Darren Gough and Peter Martin are even included in the squad — a remarkable casualty ratio, even allowing for the interim change of coach and selectors. The most startling omissions are Graeme Hick and Dominic Cork who, for very different reasons, are now unlikely to be accompanying England to Zimbabwe three months from now.

New faces always stimulate interest, however, and England could include up to five newcomers. Of these, Graham Lloyd will attract particular support on his home ground but there is probably more to gain for Adam Hollioake and Dean Headley, both genuine candidates for winter tour places.

Headley, granted his opportunity only through the misdemeanours of Chris Lewis, was also a late inclusion, last winter, in the England A tour to Pakistan, on which he was the most effective bowler. Injuries have hampered him this summer but, if ever there was an opportune moment for a new English bowling talent to emerge, this is it.

PARTIES

ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (Lancashire, captain), N V Knight (Warwickshire), A J Stewart (Surrey), G P Thorpe (Surrey), M P Maynard (Glamorgan), G D Lloyd (Lancashire), R C Irani (Essex), A J Hollioake (Surrey), R D B Croft (Glamorgan), D Gough (Yorkshire), D W Headley (Kent), P J Martin (Lancashire), A D Mullally (Leicestershire)

PAKISTAN (from): Wasim Akram (captain), Aamir Sohail, Saeed Anwar, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Salim Malik, Asif Mujtaba, Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq, Ata-ur-Rehman, Mohammad Akram

Umpires: G Sharp (Eng) and N T Plews (Eng). Third umpire: J W Holder (West Indies)

PETER NICHOLLS



Liam Botham, son of Ian Botham, the former England all-rounder, celebrates one of his five wickets on his first-class debut for Hampshire at Portsmouth yesterday. Report, page 1

Dalton's efforts unrewarded

BY SIMON WILDE

LORD'S (Cheshire won toss): Cheshire beat Bedfordshire by six wickets

ON THIS evidence, the life of England's indoor captain is not dissimilar to that of their outdoor one. Richard Dalton, who will lead the England indoor team on a tour of New Zealand next March at the same time as Michael Atherton is commanding the full side there, did his sterling best to bring Bedfordshire victory in the MCC Trophy yesterday, but it was a heroic individual performance in a losing cause.

Dalton, 31, struck a sparkling 103 off 117 balls on his first appearance at Lord's to set Bedfordshire galloping owards a final total of 253 for seven in their 55 overs, a sizeable enough score to have won 11 of the previous 13 minor county limited-overs finals, but not this one.

Cheshire had little trouble meeting their target and won with something to spare, despite Dalton's tidy spell of medium-pace bowling.

It might have been a different story had not Dalton been dismissed in freakish circumstances, run out by a direct hit from the boundary by Bryson, who later laid the foundations of Cheshire's reply by batting through the first 39 overs for 74.

Bryson also took a rare wicket, when he dismissed Stanley, having been brought on to complete an over begun by Bostock, who damaged a hand taking a return catch from Larkins.

Larkins had been expected to be Bedfordshire's most dangerous player but he scored only 15 out of an opening stand of 70. Dalton, who plays alongside Alan Wells in the indoor team, hit four sixes and believes he has greatly benefited from Larkins's encouragement this season. "He needs to learn to play a few more shots," Dalton said, tongue in cheek.

Bryson was well supported in stands of 70 and 112 by Bean, who hit hard for his 43, and Saxelby, the former Nottinghamshire and Durham player, who scored 45. They quickly showed that Bedfordshire, Dalton apart, had scored too slowly.

Lewis takes lead role after Surrey reject TCCB plea

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

SHORTLY before play starts at the Oval this morning — assuming that he can reach the ground in time — Chris Lewis will toss up as captain of Surrey. Quite what he has done to merit this promotion is not obvious, although it does give a fair reflection of his topsy-turvy season. He began it promising to make amends for his past failings and ends it as a figure of fun.

Surrey decided yesterday not to abide by a request from the Test and County Cricket Board to overlook Lewis for the county championship match against Warwickshire, after his demotion from the England team on grounds of discipline. "We feel that the punishment is harsh but fair," Mike Soper, the club chairman, said, "and it should not be taken forward to prevent him playing for us."

Instead, Lewis will captain Surrey for the second time in the absence of Alec Stewart and Adam Hollioake, who, along with Graham Thorpe, are representing England. He led them against South Africa A three weeks ago, when he was instructed to prove his form and fitness before the Headingley Test, and seemingly made little effort to do any such thing.

With four matches left, the championship has not passed Surrey by, though they will do well to win it. They lie fifth, 13 points behind the leaders, Essex, who have won their past six championship matches. Essex, whose rise has been startling, are also involved in an important game, against Yorkshire at Headingley. They are level on points with Kent but have a game in hand and, though their bowling attack looks unremarkable, they have regained the knack of winning matches, for they are also in the final of the NatWest Trophy.

One of the most impressive aspects of their cricket, which others would do well to note, is their lack of vanity. There was a revealing moment in their NatWest semi-final victory when Lewis had Nasser Hussain caught at gully off a ball the batsman could barely reach, and celebrated by circling Hussain in a war dance. It was an unseemly spectacle, and Lewis duly got his comeuppance.

Derbyshire, four points behind Essex, can benefit from the match in Leeds. They meet Worcestershire at Chesterfield and can select Dominic Cork, released from England duties for the time being, on a pitch that may be tinged with green. Derbyshire should be fresh after missing the last round of matches and, apart from Cork, they have in-form bowlers in Malcolm and DeFreitas.

At Tunbridge Wells, Kent play Nottinghamshire, who have had an appalling season. Lancashire, who are at Hove, have been almost as poor, and whether or not they add the NatWest Trophy to the Benson and Hedges Cup they won in July, the September reckoning may not spare Mike Watkinson, their captain. Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, is expected to succeed him next summer.

TOP OF TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Essex (5)	13	7	2	4	45	43	212
Kent (18)	14	7	1	6	42	40	212
Derbyshire (14)	13	7	2	4	41	43	208
Leics (7)	13	6	1	6	43	45	202
Surrey (12)	13	6	1	5	37	48	199
Yorkshire (8)	14	6	5	3	41	46	192
Warwicks (1)	13	6	4	3	32	43	180

(Last season's positions in brackets)

Remaining fixtures

ESSEX: Today: v Yorkshire (Headingley). Sept 3: v Warwickshire (Edgbaston). 12: v Sussex (Chelmsford). 19: v Glamorgan (Chelmsford)

KENT: Today: v Nottinghamshire (Tunbridge Wells). Sept 12: v Hampshire (Canterbury). 19: v Gloucestershire (Bristol).

DERBYSHIRE: Today: v Worcestershire (Chesterfield). Sept 3: v Somerset (Taunton). 12: v Warwickshire (Derby). 19: v Durham (Derby).

LEICESTERSHIRE: Today: v Somerset (Leicester). Sept 3: v Nottinghamshire (Trent Bridge). 12: v Durham (Chester-le-Street). 19: v Middlesex (Leicester).

SURREY: Today: v Warwickshire (Oval). Sept 3: v Northamptonshire (Oval). 12: v Glamorgan (Cardiff). 19: v Worcestershire (Oval)

YORKSHIRE: Today: v Essex (Headingley). Sept 12: v Nottinghamshire (Scarborough). 18: v Northamptonshire (Northampton)

WARWICKSHIRE: Today: v Surrey (Oval). Sept 3: v Essex (Edgbaston). 12: v Derbyshire (Derby). 19: v Lancashire (Edgbaston)

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

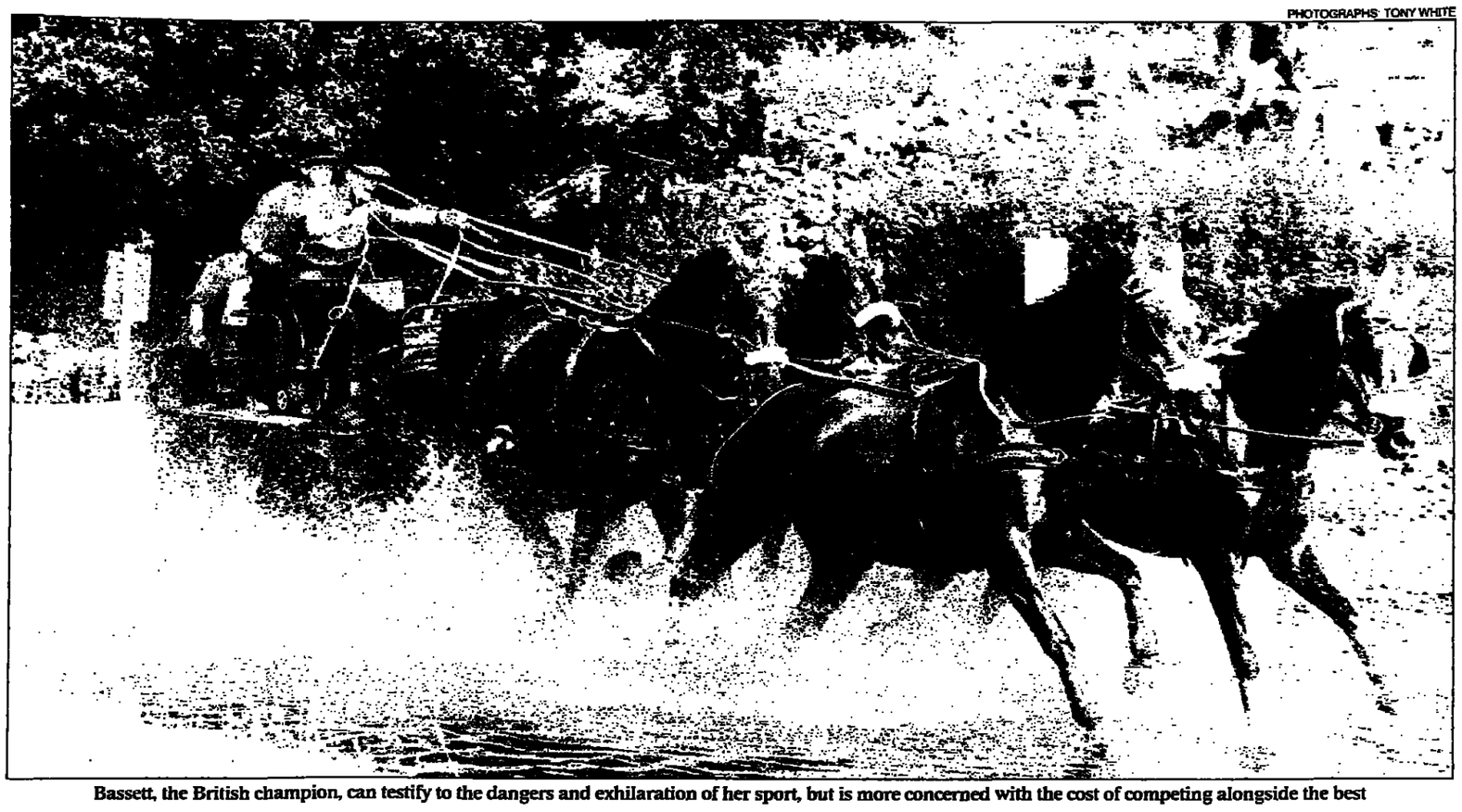
Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Eatons Goats 2 (J Eaton)	16676
2	Scottshire A (P Schofield)	16504
3	Eatons Goats (J Eaton)	16449
4	Opportunists 3rd XI (Stewart)	16358
5	Spread Eagles 3rd X (P Stewart)	16246
6	Eatons Goats 3 (J Eaton)	16142
7	Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart)	16040
8	Kalb's Corkers 2 (N Kalb)	16003
9	Teddy 3 (B Bear)	15986
10	K P Allstars 3 (KR Patel)	15943
11	Cheadle High School (M Roberts)	15910
12	The Ton Machine (N Kalb)	15872
13	The Run Rats (Mrs L Tattoo)	15861
14	Wakening Wonders (D Brunt)	15860
15	Primeshire (C Holburn)	15751
16	Hollioakes (M Ward)	15700
17	Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart)	15664
18	Heavens 5th XI (RJ Wall)	15649
19	Caroline 1 (A Luckhurst)	15640
20	M C M (M Poswal)	15639
21	Bowled Marilyn (H Paul)	15629
22	Stars Wars 3 (Z Ali)	15581
23	Cormans Balls 2 (D Blackburn)	15573
24	Torridge Tops (C Hulbert)	15565
25	Caroline C (A Lackhurst)	15552
26	Barbeni Rangers (JS Hutchinson)	15544
27	Caroline A (A Luckhurst)	15512
28	G B's First XI (G Brooks)	15461
29	Sandwich Stag (I Ellis)	15452
30	Lilwly Lads (L Mallett)	15419
31	Caroline D (A Lackhurst)	15413
32	Freds Team (R Price)	15412
33	()	15402
34	Johnson's First XI (RJ Johnson)	15390
35	Maxie Walker's XI (A Wright)	15388
36	Taff's Tigers (J Short)	15382
37	Otessey 4 (M Long)	15381
38	Alaturks (P Stewart)	15372
39	Pannal Beaters (JS Hutchinson)	15361
40	Odilly 2 (M Long)	15357
41	Six Hitters (N Marchant)	15347
42	Taunton A (J Hunt)	15326
43	The Crofters (I Hunt)	15322
44	Wig's Wonders (A Wigley-Jones)	15304
45	Torridge Champs (C Hulbert)	15296
46	Oh Jiffy Six (M Long)	15284
47	Oakey Allstars 8 (S Roberts)	15256
48	Early Birds 3 (M Whitley)	15245
49	P J M 1 (PJ Mead)	15228
50	D J N 6 (DJ Mead)	15226
51	Martina McBride (S Vale)	15223
52	Hunt 4 $10,000 A (J Hunt)	15219
53	Webbbes Wombles (AR Howse)	15197
=54	Spike Thomas XI (TE Webb)	15190
=54	John Hunt X 1 (J Hunt)	15190
56	Ricardos Marvels (R Williams)	15139
57	Kims Kaviiers (K Dowsell)	15123
58	Q Danny Boys (DJ Hornsby)	15117
59	Hunt 4 $10,000 F (J Hunt)	15112
60	The Islanders (G Evans)	15105
61	Wednesdayshire (A Hibberd)	15102
=62	Eastbrook Wanders (P Rowlings)	15095
63	Haye Bales Of A Time (JR Stanley)	15092
64	Kalb's Corkers 5 (N Kalb)	15079
65	Lindas Loosers (L Tattoo)	15077
66	Kalb's Corkers 1 (N Kalb)	15075
67	Duck Donald (H Paul)	15074
68	Flame Start (A Medlock)	15067
69	Amphetamine Kids (M Eves)	15065
70	Odissy Three (M Long)	15062
71	Triple Peelers (JB Portwood)	15060
72	Thingy Bob (AZA Ghani)	15059
73	Breakfast Boys (J Goodman)	15053
74	Hunt 4 $10,000 E (J Hunt)	15040
75	Perth Finders A (P Stewart)	15030
76	The Runwicks (J Davenport)	15001
77	Heavens Fouth XI (RJ Wall)	14998
78	Mikes XI (N Evans)	14994
79	Jones Boys One (ML Jones)	14989
80	XI Gladiators (D Fungley)	14988
81	Teddy Two (B Bear)	14983
82	Jones Boys Two (M Jones)	14971
83	Charlie 3 (C Webb)	14969
84	Silly Mid Wickets (J Tracy)	14958
85	She Loves Other Sun (DA Jackson)	14949
86	Daves Demonds (D Tattoo)	14942
87	Grasshoppers (S Timmins)	14936
88	Bertie's Allsorts 11 (BE Howes)	14923
89	M J S Team 1 (R Stent)	14905
90	Bring Back Botham (K Booth)	14904
91	GT Old Boys (MA Trowell)	14897
92	Hunt 4 $10,000 B (J Hunt)	14890
93	Jones XI Wonders (Dr M Jaseja)	14878
94	The Lynwood Lofties (D Tattoo)	14877
95	Teddy Four (B Spare)	14876
96	Nuthin CC (M Hawkins)	14869
97	Adrift 1 (M Long)	14866
98	Willow Wanderers (PR Stewart)	14844
99	(D Akhtar)	14833
100	Pavilion Primos (S Timmins)	14831

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the past week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by August 26. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
Batsmen (001-135)						
C J Adams (001)	1330	(0)	0	(0)	1330	(0)
G F Archer (002)	637	(143)	0	(0)	637	(143)
M A Atherton (003)	939	(74)	1	(0)	958	(74)
C W J Athey (004)	822	(15)	0	(0)	822	(15)
M Azharuddin (005)	439	(0)	0	(0)	439	(0)
R J Bailey (006)	500	(0)	2	(0)	540	(0)
K J Barnett (007)	1113	(0)	11	(0)	1333	(0)
M R Benson (008)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M G Bevan (009)	1225	(0)	4	(0)	1305	(0)
D J Bicknell (010)	694	(41)	15	(2)	994	(81)
D A Blenkiron (011)	296	(0)	0	(0)	296	(0)
P D Bowler (012)	1050	(9)	1	(0)	1070	(9)
N E Briers (013)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Brown (014)	552	(56)	0	(0)	552	(56)
D Byas (015)	829	(45)	0	(0)	829	(45)
S L Campbell (016)	961	(69)	0	(0)	961	(69)
J D Carr (017)	719	(0)	0	(0)	719	(0)
M J Church (018)	280	(0)	9	(0)	460	(0)
P A Cottey (019)	1216	(70)	4	(0)	1296	(70)
G R Cowdrey (020)	490	(0)	1	(0)	510	(0)
J P Crawley (021)	776	(125)	0	(0)	776	(125)
C D Crowe (022)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Cunliffe (023)	252	(0)	0	(0)	252	(0)
T S Curtis (024)	803	(80)	1	(1)	823	(80)
J A Daley (025)	297	(22)	0	(0)	297	(22)
A J Dalton (026)	37	(0)	0	(0)	37	(0)
R I Dawson (027)	*79*	*(0)*	*1*	*(0)*	*99*	*(0)*
M P Dowman (028)	193	(107)	0	(0)	193	(107)
N H Fairbrother (029)	744	(141)	0	(0)	744	(141)
A Flintoff (030)	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
A Fordham (031)	502	(7)	0	(0)	502	(7)
D P Fulton (032)	803	(64)	1	(0)	823	(64)
J E R Gallian (033)	956	(39)	12	(1)	1196	(59)
M W Gatting (034)	684	(0)	0	(0)	684	(0)
N A Gie (035)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G A Gooch (036)	1429	(111)	0	(0)	1449	(111)
K Greenfield (037)	717	(31)	0	(0)	717	(31)
A Habib (038)	743	(4)	0	(0)	743	(4)
J W Hall (039)	330	(0)	0	(0)	330	(0)
T H C Hancock (040)	709	(23)	0	(0)	709	(23)
R J Harden (041)	469	(65)	1	(0)	489	(65)
M E Harvey (042)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A N Hayhurst (043)	224	(0)	1	(0)	244	(0)
G R Haynes (044)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D L Hemp (045)	182	(4)	4	(0)	262	(4)
G A Hick (046)	1032	(30)	5	(0)	1132	(30)
A J Hollioake (047)	1145	(7)	11	(0)	1365	(7)
N Hussain (048)	914	(63)	0	(0)	914	(63)
S Hutton (049)	637	(37)	0	(0)	637	(37)
Ijaz Ahmed (050)	684	(74)	0	(0)	684	(74)
Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)	792	(35)	0	(0)	792	(35)
S P James (052)	1408	(3)	0	(0)	1408	(3)
P Johnson (053)	708	(13)	0	(0)	708	(13)
D M Jones (054)	1212	(0)	9	(0)	1392	(0)
V Kambli (055)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Keech (056)	730	(13)	0	(0)	730	(13)
W S Kendall (057)	727	(25)	0	(0)	727	(25)
G J Kennis (058)	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
W G Khan (059)	551	(96)	0	(0)	551	(96)
N V Knight (060)	939	(25)	0	(0)	939	(25)
J S Laney (061)	809	(0)	0	(0)	809	(0)
M N Lathwell (062)	954	(85)	1	(0)	974	(85)
S G Law (063)	1361	(0)	7	(0)	1501	(0)
D A Leatherdale (064)	328	(30)	8	(0)	488	(0)
N J Lenham (065)	653	(145)	2	(0)	693	(145)
J J B Lewis (066)	195	(15)	0	(0)	195	(15)
N J Liong (067)	566	(63)	11	(0)	786	(63)
G D Lloyd (068)	947	(55)	0	(0)	947	(55)
J I Longley (069)	6	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
M B Loye (070)	603	(0)	0	(0)	603	(0)
M A Lynch (071)	342	(68)	0	(0)	342	(68)
G I Macmillan (072)	129	(0)	2	(0)	169	(0)
D L Maddy (073)	766	(11)	4	(0)	846	(11)
S V Manjrekar (074)	540	(0)	0	(0)	540	(0)
M P Maynard (075)	1297	(47)	0	(0)	1297	(47)
A McGrath (076)	875	(15)	0	(0)	875	(15)
A A Metcalfe (077)	752	(21)	0	(0)	752	(21)
A J Moles (078)	756	(0)	0	(0)	756	(0)
R R Montgomerie (079)	974	(20)	0	(0)	974	(20)
T M Moody (080)	1310	(10)	14	(0)	1590	(10)
H Morris (081)	1275	(118)	0	(0)	1275	(118)
J E Morris (082)	410	(0)	0	(0)	410	(0)
R S M Morris (083)	185	(0)	0	(0)	185	(0)
M D Moxon (084)	780	(66)	0	(0)	780	(66)
K Newell (085)	186	(0)	1	(0)	186	(0)
T J G O'Gorman (086)	418	(0)	0	(0)	418	(0)
D P Ostler (087)	842	(10)	0	(0)	842	(10)
J E Owen (088)	499	(0)	0	(0)	499	(0)
K A Parsons (089)	293	(0)	0	(0)	293	(0)
T L Penney (090)	957	(45)	0	(0)	957	(45)
P R Pollard (091)	671	(0)	0	(0)	671	(0)
J C Pooley (092)	712	(0)	0	(0)	712	(0)
P J Prichard (093)	684	(88)	0	(0)	684	(88)
M R Ramprakash (094)	968	(0)	2	(0)	1008	(0)
J D Ratcliffe (095)	431	(23)	5	(0)	531	(23)
D J Robinson (096)	*738*	*(72)*	*0*	*(0)*	*738*	*(72)*
P E Robinson (097)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R T Robinson (098)	1123	(34)	0	(0)	1123	(34)
A S Rollins (099)	789	(0)	0	(0)	789	(0)
M A Roseberry (100)	671	(0)	0	(0)	671	(0)
Saeed Anwar (101)	1224	(177)	0	(0)	1224	(177)
O A Shah (102)	*53*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*	*53*	*(0)*
N Shahid (103)	469	(20)	3	(0)	469	(20)
Salim Malik (104)	450	(100)	1	(0)	470	(100)
D J Saker (105)	*235*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*	*235*	*(0)*
N S Sidhu (106)	171	(0)	0	(0)	171	(0)
P V Simmons (107)	893	(108)	37	(2)	1633	(148)
A Singh (108)	*718*	*(43)*	*0*	*(0)*	*718*	*(43)*
B F Smith (109)	1076	(34)	0	(0)	1076	(34)
R A Smith (110)	926	(31)	0	(0)	926	(31)
N J Speak (111)	578	(81)	0	(0)	578	(81)
M P Speight (112)	514	(18)	0	(0)	514	(18)
A J Stewart (113)	939	(98)	0	(0)	939	(98)
I J Sutcliffe (114)	443	(0)	3	(0)	503	(0)
A Symonds (115)	1007	(55)	5	(0)	1107	(55)
N R Taylor (116)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Tendulkar (117)	707	(0)	1	(0)	727	(0)
V P Terry (118)	379	(0)	0	(0)	379	(0)
G P Thorpe (119)	1444	(63)	2	(0)	1484	(63)
S P Titchard (120)	727	(27)	0	(0)	727	(27)
M E Trescothick (121)	560	(33)	0	(0)	560	(33)
T A Tweats (122)	130	(0)	0	(0)	130	(0)
M P Vaughan (123)	938	(57)	12	(3)	1168	(117)
M J Walker (124)	500	(59)	0	(0)	500	(59)
T C Walton (125)	186	(0)	1	(0)	206	(0)
D M Ward (126)	81	(0)	0	(0)	81	(0)
T R Ward (127)	973	(25)	2	(0)	1013	(25)
A P Wells (128)	965	(91)	0	(0)	965	(91)
R M S Weston (129)	39	(2)	0	(0)	39	(2)
W P C Weston (130)	1088	(72)	0	(0)	1088	(72)
G W White (131)	318	(21)	0	(0)	318	(21)
J J Whitaker (132)	809	(48)	0	(0)	809	(48)
P R Whitaker (133)	458	(141)	10	(0)	658	(141)
M G N Windows (134)	411	(34)	0	(0)	411	(34)
A J Wright (135)	415	(0)	0	(0)	415	(0)
All-rounders (150-203)						
Aamir Sohail (150)	334	(75)	3	(0)	394	(75)
M W Alleyne (151)	648	(45)	42	(4)	1488	(125)
I D Austin (152)	419	(0)	18	(0)	779	(0)
P Bainbridge (153)	617	(11)	7	(0)	757	(11)
D R Brown (154)	*344*	*(0)*	*31*	*(0)*	*1164*	*(0)*
M A Butcher (155)	1429	(20)	4	(0)	1509	(20)
C L Cairns (156)	891	(4)	30	(1)	1491	(24)
D J Capel (157)	697	(39)	27	(1)	1237	(59)
D G Cork (158)	628	(26)	48	(1)	1588	(46)
R D B Croft (159)	488	(11)	66	(2)	1809	(51)
K M Curran (160)	989	(147)	10	(0)	1189	(147)
A Dale (161)	457	(11)	4	(1)	537	(31)
P A J DeFreitas (162)	252	(0)	38	(0)	1012	(0)
V C Drakes (163)	327	(65)	40	(5)	1127	(165)
M A Ealham (164)	469	(0)	36	(0)	1189	(0)
S C Ecclestone (165)	*303*	*(34)*	*0*	*(0)*	*303*	*(34)*
K P Evans (166)	352	(6)	26	(1)	872	(26)
M A Feltham (167)	14	(0)	4	(0)	94	(0)
M V Fleming (168)	781	(9)	12	(0)	1021	(9)
A P Grayson (169)	817	(45)	13	(0)	1077	(45)
O D Gibson (170)	330	(12)	13	(1)	580	(32)
F A Griffith (171)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
C L Hooper (172)	1039	(77)	24	(1)	1519	(97)
R C Irani (173)	815	(91)	44	(2)	1696	(131)
A D Jadeja (174)	489	(0)	0	(0)	489	(0)
A D James (175)	233	(29)	25	(1)	1233	(49)
B P Julian (176)	190	(0)	46	(4)	1410	(80)
J H Kallis (177)	128	(0)	6	(0)	248	(0)
S R Lampitt (178)	617	(7)	47	(4)	1557	(87)
S Lee (179)	956	(40)	30	(3)	1556	(100)
C C Lewis (180)	407	(9)	34	(0)	1087	(9)
G W Mike (181)	25	(0)	1	(0)	105	(0)
A C Morris (182)	*190*	*(0)*	*4*	*(0)*	*269*	*(0)*
Mushtaq Ahmed (183)	118	(12)	41	(8)	938	(182)
D J Nash (184)	15	(0)	1	(0)	35	(0)
A L Penberthy (185)	523	(42)	21	(4)	943	(122)
S M Pollock (186)	606	(15)	42	(4)	1446	(95)
D A Reeve (187)	351	(0)	9	(0)	531	(0)
G D Rose (188)	408	(0)	48	(7)	1368	(140)
V S Solanki (189)	562	(70)	23	(2)	1022	(110)
A W Smith (190)	23	(0)	0	(0)	23	(0)
N M K Smith (191)	489	(21)	39	(2)	1269	(61)
P A Smith (192)	23	(0)	2	(0)	63	(0)
J N Snape (193)	167	(0)	14	(0)	447	(0)
J P Stephenson (194)	583	(17)	29	(1)	1163	(31)
C M Tolley (195)	139	(0)	7	(0)	279	(0)
Wasim Akram (196)	211	(40)	32	(6)	851	(160)
M Watkinson (197)	537	(70)	35	(2)	1037	(110)
G Welch (198)	152	(0)	25	(0)	852	(0)
C M Wells (199)	580	(0)	9	(0)	770	(0)
V J Wells (200)	1157	(24)	16	(5)	1477	(124)
P N Weekes (201)	791	(0)	28	(0)	1351	(0)
C White (202)	774	(181)	30	(1)	1374	(201)
J R Wileman (203)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Wicketkeepers (225-256)						
A N Aymes (225)	614	(25)	33	(2)	1274	(65)
R J Blakey (226)	690	(109)	34	(1)	1370	(129)
K R Brown (227)	684	(0)	47	(0)	1624	(0)
M Burns (228)	259	(0)	17	(0)	599	(0)
S P Griffiths (229)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W K Hogg (230)	600	(24)	48	(3)	1580	(84)
P C L Holloway (231)	277	(0)	6	(0)	397	(0)
G J Kersey (232)	307	(0)	37	(1)	1047	(20)
J A Knott (233)	52	(0)	3	(0)	112	(0)
K M Krikken (234)	690	(0)	52	(0)	1730	(0)
D G C Ligertwood (235)	320	(14)	31	(1)	940	(34)
S A Marsh (236)	395	(3)	26	(0)	915	(3)
C P Metson (237)	53	(0)	16	(0)	373	(0)
P Moores (238)	681	(10)	38	(3)	1441	(70)
N R Mongia (239)	364	(0)	14	(0)	644	(0)
P A Nixon (240)	734	(67)	47	(2)	1674	(107)
W M Noon (241)	233	(57)	25	(1)	733	(77)
N J Piper (242)	251	(6)	18	(0)	611	(6)
Rashid Latif (243)	232	(0)	21	(0)	652	(0)
S J Rhodes (244)	790	(27)	39	(4)	1510	(107)
D Ripley (245)	328	(98)	15	(5)	628	(196)
R J Rollins (246)	524	(33)	53	(2)	1584	(73)
R C Russell (247)	646	(120)	42	(0)	1486	(120)
N F Sargeant (248)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C W Scott (249)	208	(0)	20	(0)	608	(0)
A D Shaw (250)	120	(0)	19	(0)	500	(0)
R J Turner (251)	476	(4)	51	(2)	1496	(44)
L N Walker (252)	93	(0)	18	(0)	453	(0)
R J Warren (253)	455	(0)	18	(0)	815	(0)
P Whitticase (254)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R C J Williams (255)	133	(0)	13	(0)	393	(0)
S C Wilis (256)	141	(0)	11	(0)	361	(0)
Bowlers (275-404)						
P R Adams (275)	83	(0)	10	(0)	283	(0)
J A Afford (276)	33	(0)	47	(1)	973	(20)
U Afzaal (277)	178	(0)	2	(0)	218	(0)
P Aldrod (278)	50	(0)	9	(0)	210	(0)
C E L Ambrose (279)	89	(23)	34	(6)	769	(143)
S J W Andrew (280)	56	(0

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Bassett, the British champion, can testify to the dangers and exhilaration of her sport, but is more concerned with the cost of competing alongside the best

Sisters can gain whip hand for Britain

Nick Szczepanik on the unique double act that hopes to reign in Belgium at the world carriage driving championships

"It's a strange thing to do, really — tie four horses in front of a carriage and yahoo round like a maniac," Karen Bassett said, and she should know. A member of the Great Britain four-in-hand carriage driving team for three years, she is being joined at the world championships, which start today in Waregem, Belgium, by her sister, Phillippa Thomas. It is the first time that two women have represented their country together.

They are, respectively, British champion and runner-up, having defeated the third member of the national side, George Bowman. Bassett, at 32 the younger by a year, is a professional; Thomas, a saddler, just does it most of the time — "morning, lunchtime and evening". There is a friendly but keen rivalry between them. "I hope to be top eight, Pippa will be top 12 or 15 . . ." Bassett said. "Change that around," her sister retorted. "I'll beat you!"

The competition includes dressage, a 36-kilometre marathon stage driven at various speeds, and a timed obstacle event to check soundness after the marathon. The marathon includes hazards. They are "to catch you out." Thomas said. "You have to know exactly the route you want to go, so you walk the course beforehand. And it's done at a fairly fast pace." This is where the dangers occur.

"Earlier this year, I tipped the whole thing over," Bassett said. "Fortunately, I was the only one hurt. We flung the carriage back up while I crawled back on and carried on, but I was very badly bruised and developed back trouble, and finally had to have it put right by an osteopath. But nothing accident-wise has ever made me think: 'I'm not going on' . . . only the finance."

There have been fatalities, mostly among referees, but then there are few sports in which a referee is next to the competitor at every stage. The driver of a four-in-hand carriage has the referee at his or her elbow throughout, as if they were taking a driving test.

Also aboard is a time-keeper/navigator, standing behind the driver, with more human ballast at the back — in Thomas's case her husband, Dave. "He's heavy enough to hold the carriage down, and use his weight to balance the carriage on corners, like a sidecar racer or yacht crew man hanging out," she said.

They have to know where they are going, too. "They can lose the competition as much as the driver," Bassett said. "You need strong guys at the back of the carriage."

Strong wills when dealing with the bank manager, too, for this is not a cheap sport. The British Horse Society will pick up the bills for the world championships once the competitors reach Dover, but, apart from the expense of keeping the teams of horses, whose passports cost £118 each, a marathon carriage can cost in the region of £12,000.

Thomas's diesel bill, to move two carriages, five horses (including one reserve) and crew reached £4,800 in one year of 14 competitions. When she decided to move from ponies to horses, her sponsors were frightened off by the extra expense. "I had to sell everything I owned," she said. "I might have had a house, even taken a holiday . . ."

Expensive, dangerous — why do it? "The thrill of going round the marathon, really," Thomas said. "Staying upright and intact." A pause. "And competing against men."Male rivals have said that the horse team class, as opposed to the one for ponies, is not for women: far too dangerous. Women, they say, are not strong enough.

"I've been told that to my face," Bassett said. "It is a dangerous sport, and you do have to be physically fit and strong at times. But you also have to be very dedicated and put the hours in to get results, which is why very few women succeed, or wish to succeed."

"It does take strength," Thomas said, "but if your horses are schooled, they should understand and be obedient." Schooling, in her case, even involved a crash course in English. Her team of Hungarian Lippizaners only understood commands in Magyar when she acquired them.

The secret of success, she said, is to "know your own horses and how they are going to react: what sort of things could spook them, like a big banner shaking or with light reflecting on it. You usually drive the same four horses in the same positions, and you can tell what mood they're in."

In Belgium, Bassett and Thomas expect the blend of their different strengths, and those of Bowman, to challenge the other favourites, from Holland, Germany and the host nation. Their aim is nothing less than the team gold, with this caveat: "Horses are horses — there are four different minds in front of you."



Thomas, left, and Bassett have a keen but friendly rivalry

RADIO CHOICE

Radio goes to the pictures

The Deep Season: Seabed Odyssey. *Radio 4, 7.30pm.*

As this is radio, not television, descriptive powers of a high order are called for — and are generously provided — in Julian Hector's subaquatic adventure story. Down into the waters off the Cayman Islands he goes, aqualung on his back. First, he explores the shallower depths of a lagoon where a Great Ray nips his finger, some fire coral stings him, and an 8ft shark disinterestedly gives him the once over. And all the while, he is having a two-way high-tech chat with his marine biologist companion as well as reporting to us, the listeners, on the wonders of the deep. His subsequent 1,000ft dive in a minisub gives him a close up look at a sunken ship. Technically and, yes, pictorially, this is superior radio.

Bausch of Wuppertal. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

The German town of Wuppertal has given the world aspirin, Engels, and Pina Bausch. It was in 1973 that Bausch founded Tanztheater Wuppertal. It is a dance company unlike any other. Ask anybody who has seen them do their stuff at the Edinburgh Festival. They dance *and* speak. In *The Rite of Spring* they performed ankle-deep in earth. In *Nenken*, they were in two feet of water, and 2,000 carnations filled the stage. Bausch will not explain her dance pieces; she expects her audiences to trust their own feelings about them. How does she select the dancers who will keep faith with her and her strange ways? She just looks into their eyes.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Dave Pearce **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from Bowness-on-Windermere **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **3.00** Clive Warren **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Charlie Jordan, with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman **7.00** The "What If" Show **7.30** Hip to be Square **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Daniel O'Donnell's Musical Clan (3/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** David Gower's Cricket Weekly David and his guests are in Manchester to discuss the One-Day International between England and Pakistan **9.05** SportsAmerica with Alton Byrd **9.35** America Graffiti **10.05** News Talk **10.35** Radio 5 Live at the Fringe **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.05** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Network UK **9.15** Composer of the Month **9.45** Health Matters **10.05** Business **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Ten Billion or Bust **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack X Press **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** Ten Billion or Bust **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** John Peel **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Soundbyte **12.30** Rock Salad **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Thirty-Minute Drama: *The End of Lieutenant Boruvka* **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto: C P E Bach (Flute Concerto in D minor) **3.00** Drivetime **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata: Schumann (Piano Sonata No 2 in E minor) **7.00** Travel Guide: Music in the Caribbean (r) **8.00** Evening Concert: Barber (The School for Scandal); Arthur Benjamin (Harmonica concerto); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C); Berlioz (Harold in Italy) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor); Poulenc (Les biches); Donizetti (Oboe Sonata in F); Mozart (Adagio and Fugue in C minor, K546); Cruselli (Introductions and Variations on a Swedish Air); Handel (Cantata: Crudel tiranno amor)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet); Schubert (Fantasy in F minor, D940); Sibelius (Valse triste); Martinu (Jazz Suite)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Introduced by Mary Miller. Includes Gluck (Iphigenie en Tauride, Act 4); James MacMillan (Untold); Schubert (Abendstandchen, an Lina); Brahms (Symphony No 3 in F) **11.15** Rihm (Sine Nomine); Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 77 No 1)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Brahms

1.00pm Wandering Minstrels. Geoffrey Smith continues his examination of the successful collaboration between the librettist Gilbert and the composer Sullivan. This week, he looks at how they poked fun at just about everybody through their operas (2/3)

2.00 Sheffield Chamber Music Festival. Hafner Wind Ensemble: Beethoven (Octet in E flat, Op 103); Krommer (Octet-Partita in B flat, Op 69); Beethoven, arr Sedlak (Symphony No 7)

3.20 Preoccupations: Lights, Camera, Action! The pianist Barry Douglas reveals a subject close to his heart

3.25 Twentieth-Century Strings. Steven Stirling, horn, Vernon Kirk, tenor, Opus 20, under Scott Stroman. Britten (Serenade for tenor, horn and strings); K. Malone (Shangri-La for orchestra); Lutoslawski (Paroles Tissees); Bartok (Divertimento)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson

5.15 In Tune. Presented by Sean Rafferty. Includes Grainger (Molly on the Shore); Saint-Saëns (Oboe Sonata), Danzi (Fantasia on La ci darem la mano), Balakirev (Piano Concerto No 1), Lalo (Millo's Recitative, Aubade, Le roi d'Ys)

7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall, London. Solveig Kringelborn, soprano, Marjana Lipovsek, mezzo, BBC Symphony Chorus, London Symphony Chorus, Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, under Claudio Abbado. Mahler (Symphony No 2, Resurrection)

9.10 I Was There. Richard Fawkes talks to the conductor Vilem Tausky (2/3) (r)

10.00 Music Restored. Tomaso Albinoni (Trio Sonata in B minor, Op 4 No 6, Cantata, Amor, Sorte, Destino; Concerto in F, Op 7 No 9)

10.45 Bausch of Wuppertal. See Choice

11.30 Composer of the Week: Berg (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornet. Includes **1.00** Choral Evensong **2.00** Mahler **3.25** Chamber Music **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **(LW only) 6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Beyond a Boundary (4/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze

10.00 News; Boomerang (FM). Keith Barron and Brigit Forsyth star in a family drama by Chris Thompson (1/4)

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour (FM)

10.30 Cricket: England v Pakistan (LW). The first one-day international at Old Trafford

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM)

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM), with Dylan Winter

12.25pm Slightly Foxed (FM) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.20 Cricket (LW)

1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Deep Season: That Silent Sea (FM), by Jonathan Myerson. The story of two rowing boats which set off to cross the Atlantic in 1966. With Tony Curran, Nick Dunning and Douglas Hodge

2.00 Cricket (LW)

3.00 News; Afternoon Shift (FM)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope at Edinburgh (FM). Lynne Walker sees the Botho Strauss play *Time and the Room* and reads Alice Thomas Ellis's new novel, *Fairy Tale*

4.45 Short Story: Forensic Evidence (FM), by Martyn Bedford

5.00 PM (FM) 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

5.55 Cricket (LW)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM)

6.30 Doon Your Way. The comedy actress Doon Mackichan plays DJ Chantal, the star of Flush FM — the local radio station which broadcasts from a portaloo in Peckham High Street. With Pam Ferris, Lesley Sharp, Phil Cornwell, Anne Rabbit and Alistair McGowan

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Deep Season: Seabed Odyssey. See Choice

8.00 20/20: A View of the Century. John Tusa examines man's desire for exploration (4/5) (r)

8.45 Twilight. Joanna Pinnock teams up with a man who has badgers in his orchard

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The programme for people with disabilities. Presented by Frederick Dove

9.30 Kaleidoscope at Edinburgh (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Enigma. Samuel West reads Robert Harris's thriller (4/12)

11.00 Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter. Mario Vargas Llosa's comic novel, dramatised by Lee Hall. With Tom Hollander, Siobhan Redmond, John Sessions and Alex Lowe (1/6)

11.30 Offspring, with John Peel (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: Slaughterhouse-Five, by Kurt Vonnegut (9/10) (r) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

SQUASH

Ryan capitalises on fitness advantage

DEREK RYAN, the Irish champion, took full advantage of Simon Parke's lack of recent match practice to beat the Englishman 15-11, 15-11, 2-15, 15-11 in the first round of the Hong Kong open championship yesterday (Colin McQuillan writes).

Parke is now fully recovered from the testicular cancer and subsequent chemotherapy for which he went into hospital in January.

The No 5 seed has regained fitness remarkably quickly but appeared rusty compared with the 6ft 3in Dubliner, who played in the Singapore Open last week.

There were other upsets and near-upsets, partly as a result of the new eight-man seeding system introduced on the world tour this year. Rodney Eyles, of Australia, the second seed, was on the brink of defeat before beating Zarak Jahan, of Pakistan, 15-6, 8-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-12. Under the previous 16-seed system, Eyles could not have met the world No 10 for another round.

Paul Johnson, of Kent, dismissed the higher-ranked Tony Hands and meets Ryan today while Jonathan Power, of Canada, fought back from two games down to beat Ahmed Barada, of Egypt, earning the right to play Peter Nicol, of Scotland, the No 4 seed. Only Nicol and Chris Walker, the England captain and No 7 seed, lived up to their rankings with anything approaching confidence yesterday.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 42

VIVA VOCE

(b) Oral as distinct from in writing, a live examination, for example at Oxford after the ordinary written papers, to test the degree of a marginal candidate. Bill Voce was Harold Larwood's partner in the bodyline days. The expression *viva voce* is employed in classical Latin, but the use of the ablative phrase appears to be of later date. "The viva voce part of each examination is carried on in Latin."

ALPHA MINUS

(c) At Oxford and other examining places, it is customary not to give percentage or other marks, but to mark by Alpha Minus, Beta Double Plus and such gradations of the Greek alphabet. "Your general paper deserves alphas plus for chutzpah, Sebastian, but gamma minus query minus for facts and knowledge."

REMOVE

(b) At some schools, as Eton and Charterhouse, a certain division of the school. From the verb *remove* in the sense of promoting a pupil from a class to a higher one. Disraeli, *Coningsby*, 1844: "Some unhappy wight in the remove, wandering about, seeking relief in the shape of a verse."

MONITOR

(b) Prefects, monitors, etc are a school's NCOs, controlling house and school matters on behalf of the beaks. Both names come from the Latin. A *prefect* is someone put in charge. A *monitor* warns and advises boys and masters about what is really going on in the shrubbery. "I should like to appoint you a monitor, Sebastian. But I am concerned about your anarchic and underdog sympathies."

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Taking liberties in the pursuit of happiness

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Through the red mists of bad temper I could still just about make out the credits at the end of last night's **QED: How to be Happy** (BBC1). "Programme Consultant," they read. "Robert Holden." Ah, that would be the same Robert Holden who had just graced so much of the last 40 minutes, that would be Robert Holden, psychologist and founder of "The Laughter Clinic", would it? I made a quick call. It would.

That, at least, explained one thing: why nobody had asked him a single penetrating question all night. Top of my list: are you really a Fellow of an Oxford college or did you just borrow the scenery? After all, nothing like a ancient quadrangle to lend a bit of instant authority to a subject, is there? Forgive me for asking, it's just I couldn't help noticing that all the other academics appearing in the programme had their universities identified in the captions while you were just "Robert Holden, founder of . . .". Probably just an oversight, an innocent slip made in the gratification euphoria of the moment. True Blue or not, it would have been helpful to know.

But we would still be no closer to answering the big one. How on earth did this ill-constructed nonsense make it to our screens? Several column feet of advance publicity are testimony to the strength of the original idea — who wouldn't like to be happier? — but the execution was woeful. "Turning misery to merriment" was what the *QED* happiness course promised. Round my house, it turned happiness to hate, rhapsody to rage in 38 minutes flat.

Never in my life have I previously harboured a single violent thought towards the divine Felicity Kendal. But by the end of this, to my shame, I harboured several. If I heard another syllable of the breathless babble, the giggly gush that passed for narration, I might have done serious damage to her left, pre-frontal lobe — which, for those of you who might think otherwise, is part of the brain. Instead, I combined deep breathing with ten minutes of *BBC Proms 96*. Kendal can go about her business in peace. I'm feeling better now.

So, apparently, were the three volunteers for the course: Caroline, who had every reason to be unhappy (she was a full-time carer looking after her disabled mother); Dawn, who was unhappy for reasons that were unclear (she was a private detective in Devon and surely a documentary in herself) and Keith, whose early midlife crisis had already cost him his job and his girlfriend but not yet his prized Mark II Daimler. Actually, Keith wasn't very unhappy to start with, which by the end was causing a few problems. He just wouldn't take Holden's goal-setting seriously. He was, he explained, too happy to bother.

Goal-setting? Gratification euphoria? The Oxford Happiness Inventory? The programme embraced psycho-babble with alarming enthusiasm. "Ladies and gentleman," announced Holden as his clients lay on the floor laughing to themselves: "you have just experienced transcendental chuckling." I was running out of "cerebral joy juice" fast.

Apart from abandoning all objectivity at the outset, the programme's biggest failing was attempting to establish the biological basis for happiness. Linking feelings and emotions to physiological changes in the brain is right up there in the "danger, very difficult" reaches of science and proved well beyond the scope of such a populist, superficial investigation. Our medullas were in a right muddle by the end.

"The credibility of *QED*'s course," pronounced Kendal with the certainty of ignorance, "now depends on whether Caroline's brain has been transformed into that of a naturally happy person." A boffin pointed excitedly to a graph labelled "Caroline's asymmetry score after Happiness Training". Apparently she now boasted one of the happiest brains he had ever seen. At that point mine overheated. It was time to move on.

Unfortunately it was time to move on to **Height of Courage** (BBC2), the second programme in three days about elderly men climbing mountains. The good news was that Norman D. Vaughan eventually got to the top of his. (Mount Vaughan in Antarctica: named after him by Admiral Byrd, the first man to fly over the South Pole.) The bad news was that he did so at the age of 88 which, by my rough calculations, means we could be in for another 30 years of Brian Blessed mountaineering documentaries. Scary thought, huh?

Goodness knows what the history of this curious film was. For well over half an hour it charted the course of Vaughan's ambitious but unsuccessful expedition to retrace the sled-marks he had laid 65 years earlier as a member of Byrd's support team. The 1993 expedition made it as far as Chile, where it ran out of money and luck (an old DC6 crashed, critically injuring the expedition vet). After two months of sitting on his Punto Arenas, Vaughan and a much reduced team joined a commercial expedition to Antarctica, only to be thwarted again: this time by a 16-day snowstorm.

But you can't keep a stubborn old fool down. A year later he was back, better funded and sensibly flying right to the foot of Mount Vaughan. A fit climber would have done the 10,000ft ascent in a day, apparently. Vaughan took eight, hampered by an artificial knee joint, snow-blindness and a four-day storm. But get there he jolly well did, whereupon he promptly revealed his message to the world: "Dream big — and dare to fail." Encouragement for documentary-makers everywhere, I think.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (11542)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (42813)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (2472165)

9.20 Do You Want a Smack? (7008184) **9.45 Burke's Backyard** (5445271)

10.10 FILM: The Lady Vanishes (1938) with Margaret Lockwood and Michael Redgrave. Classic thriller, directed by Alfred Hitchcock (64354788)

12.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1125252)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (4385455)

12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (6206558)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (45900)

1.30 Regional News and weather (42417707)

1.40 Small Talk (r) (s) (58456813) **2.10 Lovejoy** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2752833) **N.I.: 2.10 Anderson on the Road 3.05 Where's the Jack?** (7246349) **3.20 Penny Crayon** (r) (1217184)

3.30 Little Bear (s) (1661504) **3.55 Little Mouse on the Prairie** (s) (Ceefax) (7341813) **4.15 Potsworth and Co** (r) (Ceefax) (2550900) **4.35 Clarissa Explains It All** (r) (s) (1777455) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (1932953) **5.10 Byker Grove** (r) (s) (4843233)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (772368)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (252)

6.30 Regional news magazines (504)

7.00 Holidays Out. Kirsty Young and Ben Hall present more ideas for days out and weekends away in the summer months (Ceefax) (s) (8261)

7.30 EastEnders. Tiffany has a brighter view of the future. Simon's loyalties are tested when Tony decides to confide in him (Ceefax) (s) (788)

8.00 CHOICE Back to the Wild. Patrick Robinson goes behind the scenes at the RSPCA's wildlife hospital in Somerset (Ceefax) (s) (6639)

8.30 Big Break — Trick Shot Special (Ceefax) (s) (5146)

9.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1813)

9.30 Yes, Prime Minister: The Grand Design. Classic sit-com. With Paul Eddington and Nigel Hawthorne (27417)

10.00 CHOICE Defence of the Realm: Mission Angola (Ceefax) (s) (884097)

10.55 You Decide. Jeremy Paxman hosts a debate on a topical issue (393320)

11.45 FILM: The Phantom of Hollywood (1974) with Jack Cassidy and Jackie Coogan. A masked killer goes on the rampage when the MGM backlot, home to a million movie memories and the killer's hideout for the past 30 years, is threatened with redevelopment. Directed by Gene Levitt (524788)

1.10am The Road to the White House 1996. Live coverage of the proceedings from the Democratic Party convention as the Presidential election year nears its culmination. Gavin Esler and Charles Wheeler explain the night's events as the Democratic delegates officially adopt President Clinton as their candidate (7445301)

4.00 Weather (64075214)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: March of Aluminium (3244894) **6.25 Paris and the New Mathematics** (3336829) **6.50 Vibrations** (2204287)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6572610) **7.30 The Brollys** (6963815) **7.45 Lassie** (1304271) **8.10 Alvin and the Chipmunks** (5915894) **8.35 Cartoon Critters** (Ceefax) (1187977) **9.05 The Bots Master** (2479078) **9.25 The Village by the Sea** (Ceefax) (7005097) **9.50 Dilly the Dinosaur** (3696962) **10.00 Playdays** (7633542) **10.25 The Hollywood Collection** (r) (2305962) **11.15 The Hollywood Collection** (r) (9564707) **12.05pm The Addams Family** (b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (6353252)

12.30 NEW Wines of the World. Some of the world's best vineyards (r) (38523)

1.00 The Brollys (r) (45442097) **1.15 Lifetimes In a Day** (s) (24464894) **1.25 Menus and Music** (45421504) **1.40 Oprah Winfrey Show** (8592455) **2.20 Preserving for the Taste of It** (r) (87858320) **2.45 Understanding Cats** (4915184)

3.00 News (1204610) **3.05 The Natural World** (r) (1375233) **3.55 News** (3889981)

4.00 FILM: Clash by Night (1952, b/w) with Barbara Stanwyck. A woman returns to her hometown to settle down to married life. Directed by Fritz Lang (42881894)

5.40 The Sky at Night (r) (Ceefax) (294165)

6.00 NEW Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (s) (Ceefax) (107417)

6.45 Gunsmoke (245436)

7.30 The Street. Kirsty Young and her team of troubleshooters visit Forest Hill in Oxfordshire (Ceefax) (s) (558)

8.00 Cricket: England v Pakistan. Highlights (s) (2523)

9.00 The Travel Show. Travel magazine with Penny Junor. Tonight, newlywed Pauline Quirke goes in search of the perfect honeymoon location in India, Tina Ritchie, traffic and news presenter on the Radio One breakfast show, heads for the tranquillity of Amsterdam's canals. Plus how and where to spend Christmas (Ceefax) (9455)

9.30 CHOICE Dark Secret: X Y Women. Focussing on issues of sex, sexuality, gender and genetics (Ceefax) (s) (21287)



Hancock reminisces (10.00pm)

10.00 Hancock: The Reunion Party. Tony Hancock plans a "15 years after" reunion with his wartime service friends (b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (67851)

10.30 Newsnight (846097)

11.15 Edinburgh Nights (997320)

12.05am Grace Under Fire. Grace and her colleagues are taken hostage (Ceefax) (s) (5599011)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone (46363)

CHOICE

Back to the Wild
BBC1, 8.00pm

Viewers still recovering from last week's programme in which a little blind fox had to be put to sleep may be assured that there is nothing so distressing on tonight's show. Indeed, quite the opposite. Ollie, that appealing barn owl with the injured wing, is learning to fly again and the orphaned badgers are ready to go back to the wild. The only cause for concern is a female deer, discovered sprawled out in a domestic garden. The initial diagnosis is that the animal has got drunk on windfall apples but closer inspection reveals something more serious. *Back to the Wild* loves a cliff-hanger and the deer's fate will not be revealed until next time. Meanwhile, humans battling with the NHS may, after seeing the amount of care lavished on animals, wish they had been born into a different species.

Inside Out: Anything You Can Do
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Ostensibly this is just another programme about disabled people who have braved their handicap and achieved extraordinary feats. We hear from a blind athlete competing in the Paralympics, a woman with multiple sclerosis who has taken up canoeing and a paraplegic waterskier. Not even motor racing or microlighting is beyond the wheelchair-bound, while for a woman with spina bifida, giving birth to three children was no less courageous. But connecting all these stories is a desire to compete on equal terms with the able-bodied. Kay Strutt, the MS sufferer, accepts that risk-taking is dangerous but says it makes her feel normal. She is determined not to die in her armchair. She does wish, though, that the media would not run patronising stories in which she gets labelled as a "supercrip".

Dark Secret: XY Women
BBC2, 9.30pm

The series dealing with sexual taboos focuses on a rare condition among women called Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (AIS). In ordinary language it means that although they look no different from other women, genetically their bodies are male. The distress of coming to terms with this can be acute, compounded by the fact that until recently AIS was little understood and even less talked about. One woman, who understandably remains anonymous, says: "I feel my whole life is founded on a pretence, because I should have been born as a man but have had to live out my life as an abnormal woman." Melanie, a teenager, who does brave the camera, tells how doctors lied to her and even her parents kept her in ignorance. As usual, *Dark Secret* covers a difficult area with sensitivity and tact.

Defence of the Realm: Mission Angola
BBC1, 10.00pm

The sending of 650 British troops to Angola as part of a United Nations peacekeeping force may not have been the most momentous episode in our military history but a seemingly straightforward task was strewn with obstacles. Although the Foreign Office was keen to show the British flag, military chiefs were concerned about overstretched resources and the Treasury was reluctant to find the money. Even when the operation did get going the Angolans refused use of their main air strip and the British contingent soon got enmeshed in UN bureaucracy. The heartening thing is that humanity eventually broke through. Even the mandarins of the Ministry of Defence managed to forget about logistics for a while to take in the plight of the thousands of victims, especially the children, of Angola's 20-year civil war. **Peter Waymark**

ITV

6.00am GMTV (4578252) **9.25 Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left** (r) (7092523) **9.50 The Adventures of Captain Zeelig** (r) (5428504) **10.20 News** (5744962)

10.25 Regional News (Teletext) (5743233)

10.30 Sinatra (r) (Teletext) (40184504)

12.20pm Regional News 12.30 News (Teletext) (6129455) **12.55 Shortland Street** (s) (6104146) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (6961146) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (87865610)

2.25 FILM: Mission Top Secret (1990) starring Rachel Friend, Beth Buchanan and Miguel Ayesa. Concluding yesterday's adventure (8862338)

3.20 News (1211900) **3.25 Regional News**

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6865487) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3427252) **3.50 Molly's Gang** (r) (s) (2265423) **4.05 Animaniacs** (r) (Teletext) (s) (1066748) **4.20 Blazing Dragons** (Teletext) (s) (2533233) **4.45 The Scoop** (1768707)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (5165271)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (281691)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (761813)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (929726)

7.00 Emmerdale. Jack and Sarah are concerned about Andy (Teletext) (8287)

7.30 The Big Story. Investigating the price newspapers put on people's lives in the light of the Mandy Allwood affair (s) (184)



Andrew Mackintosh as Greig (8pm)

8.00 The Bill. Greig is sure a tip-off will enable him to nail an old enemy (Teletext) (1707)

8.30 The Freddie Starr Show. Freddie is frustrated when trying to make a home video for Jeremy Beadle and aggravated when he cannot get his car out of the garage (Teletext) (s) (3542)

9.00 Heartbeat. Kate receives a tempting job offer and changes are also in the air for Nick with the arrival of a new Inspector (r) (Teletext) (s) (9813)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (67897)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (186469)

10.40 FILM: The Dead Pool (1988) with Clint Eastwood, Liam Neeson and Patricia Clarkson. "Dirty" Harry Callahan is assigned to investigate an underground betting ring in which the participants predict the deaths of prominent San Francisco citizens. As the investigation progresses Callahan is alarmed to discover his own name is on the list. Directed by Buddy Van Horn (4908436)

12.10 Harvey Shine Presents (r) (5506301) **12.40 Not Fade Away** (s) (6829295) **1.45 Customs Classified** (8698276) **2.30 Flux** (s) (8242856) **3.30 Late & Loud** (r) (s) (8699721) **4.20 Cool Vibes** (42866295) **4.30 The Time . . . the Place** (r) (s) (29011) **5.00 Grass Roots** (s) (37194)

5.30 Morning News (Teletext) (99295)

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (929726)

7.30-8.00 Fishlock's Wild Tracks (184)

10.40 The Sherman Plays (851078)

11.10 The Big Story (404610)

11.40 Hunter (869962)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Murder by Death (40184504)

12.55 Emmerdale (6104146)

1.25-1.55 The Big Day (83715962)

1.55 Home and Away (58447165)

2.25 Sixth Sense (87875097)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1354287)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5165271)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (40368)

10.45 Emergency! (908610)

11.15 Roadrunner (905523)

11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (178366)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Murder by Death (40184504)

12.55pm Home and Away (6104146)

1.25 Just a Minute (83715962)

1.55 A Country Practice (89445504)

2.20 Sixth Sense (87876726)

2.50-3.20 High Road (5764726)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5165271)

6.25 Central News and Weather (746504)

10.40 London Bridge (851078)

11.10 Revelations (404610)

11.40 Hunter (889962)

12.40am Carnal Knowledge (4895092)

2.40 Flux (8222092)

3.40 The Crime Hour (4362689)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

10.30 Film: The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking (40184504)

12.55pm Emmerdale (6104146)

1.25 Home and Away (83715962)

1.55 Shortland Street (89445504)

2.20 Sixth Sense (87876726)

2.50-3.20 Doing It Up (5764726)

5.10 Home and Away (5165271)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (320)

6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (900)

10.40 Film: Psycho IV: The Beginning (82934981)

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Starts: 6.35 Star Street (2105962) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (35523) **9.00 California Dreams** (7184558) **9.25 The Legend of White Fang** (7081417) **9.55 Hangin' with Mr Cooper** (6213610) **10.20 Earthworm Jim** (2054875) **10.45 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures** (5063097) **11.10 Biker Mice from Mars** (8039875) **11.35 Dennis** (8977964) **11.50 Rocko's Modern Life** (8286455) **12.00 Tintin** (95320) **12.30pm The Lonely Planet** (23691) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (38610) **1.30 Terrytoons** (89546287) **1.50 Film: Mohawk** (8743455) **3.15 Ricki Lake** (4679894) **4.00 Backdate** (813) **4.30 The Middle Ages** (487) **5.00 5 Pump: Superted** (3165) **5.30 Countdown** (349) **6.00 Newyddion** (127455) **6.15 Heno** (638982) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (309843) **7.25 Y Tri Dimensiwn** (207436) **8.00 Y Ras Bysgota** (9349) **8.30 Newyddion** (1184) **9.00 The Politician's Wife** (2024455) **10.15 Film: Into the West** (779962) **12.05am War Cries** (5505672) **12.35 Spin** (4894363)

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12.30pm Bush Tucker Man (Teletext) (23691)

1.00 Sesame Street (r) (s) (28146)

2.00 Frozen North (b/w) A Buster Keaton comedy from 1922 (47647707)

2.20 FILM: A Kid for Two Farthings (1955) starring Jonathan Ashmore, Celia Johnson and Diana Dors. A fantasy tale, set in London's East End. Directed by Carol Reed (Teletext) (229165)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (813) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (487) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (8231271) **5.45 The Last Van from Golspie** (r) (s) (562078)

6.00 Eerie Indiana(r) (Teletext) (s) (962)

6.30 Boy Meets World. Cory and Shawn become friends with one of the most unlikely boys in the school and Turner changes an old love into a new friend (Teletext) (s) (542)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (321455)

7.50 The Slot (389813)

8.00 CHOICE Inside Out: Anything You Can Do (Teletext) (s) (9349)

8.30 Porkpie: The Day Off. It is St Valentine's Day and love is in the air, even for lottery millionaire Porkpie (Teletext) (s) (1184)



Blackwall's Blue Watch (9.00pm)

9.00 London's Burning. Jack Rosenthal's 1986 feature-length pilot about the dramas in 24 hours of the life of London Fire Brigade's Blue Watch (r) (Teletext) (34151184)

11.05 Lily Savage Live: Paying the Rent. Recorded in 1993 at London's Fortune Theatre, the Liverpool comedian with her trenchant, even blunt views on matters of importance (r) (Teletext) (s) (722558)

12.00 Adult Ricki (Teletext) (s) (4205363)

12.45am Kids in the Hall. A showcase for Canadian comics (r) (Teletext) (s) (23856)

1.15 Beavis and Butthead. Irreverent reviews of music videos (r) (s) (20769)

1.45 FILM: The Criminal Code (1930, b/w) starring Phillips Holmes, Constance Cummings, Walter Huston and Boris Karloff. A man kills in order to defend the honour of his girlfriend. In prison he forms an attachment to the warden's daughter — but then a murder is committed and he is sent to solitary for refusing to grass on the killer. Directed by Howard Hawks (753924). Ends at **3.25**

For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (88829) **9.00** Press Your Luck (4430233) **9.20** Love Connection (1254542) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (2652504) **10.40** Jeopardy! (1730392) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (8092455) **12.00** Geraldo (62504) **1.00pm** Animal Practice (65788) **1.30** Designing Women (82368) **2.00** Rescue (59639) **3.00** Court TV (1726) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5344558) **4.15** Undun (1403981) **5.00** Quantum Leap (2078) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (68788) **7.00** Spellbound (3707) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9233) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (2455) **8.30** Southenders (1962) **9.00** The Commish (21271) **10.00** Quantum Leap (86418) **11.00** Highlander (75165) **12.00** Late Show (9956045) **12.45am** Frankie's House (6887672) **1.30** Adventures of Mark and Brian (38382) **2.00** Hit Mix (8178160)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
9.30am Beyond 2000 (33417) **10.30** ABC Nightline (39788) **11.00** World News and Business (397894) **1.30** CBS News (48720) **2.30pm** CBS News (93417) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (1455) **6.30** Tonight with Simon McCoy (62356) **7.30** Sportsline (98675) **8.30** Reuters Reports (9504) **11.30** CBS News (76165) **12.30am** ABC News (74672) **1.30** Tonight with Simon McCoy Replay (70127) **2.30** Reuters Reports (92924) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (32899) **4.30** CBS News (862761) **5.30** ABC News (31295)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Bedtime Story (1964) (46800) **8.00 Room Service (1938)** (33891) **10.00 Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993)** (87813) **12.00 Cold Turkey (1971)** (56542) **2.00pm The Butler Cream Gang in the Secret of Treasure Mountain (1993)** (15610) **4.00 Across the Great Divide (1977)** (5310) **6.00 Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993)** (86714558) **7.40 US Top Ten** (120097) **8.00 Closer and Closer (1995)** (85261) **10.00 Fight for Justice: The Nancy Conn Story (1995)** (128349) **11.35 The Wrong Man (1993)** (1294542) **1.25am Secrets (1994)** (5293320) **3.00 The Marseilles Contract (1974)** (3271165) **4.35-6.00 Room Service (1938)**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Secret of Nimh (1982) (77184) **2.00pm The Fleet's In (1942)** (97252) **4.00 Broken Lance (1954)** (9542) **6.00 Captains Courageous (1937)** (84788) **8.00 Blood Blues (1988)** (89233) **10.00 New Jack City (1991)** (5945333) **11.45 Friday the 13th (1980)** (6893201) **1.20am Ma Nuit Chez Maud (1969)** (5259843) **3.15-5.10 Captains Courageous (1937)**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Hudson's Bay (1940) (31063900) **7.35 Spider-Man: The Captive Tower (1978)** (4677320) **9.00 Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995)** (50542) **10.30 Little Orbit the Astrodog** (38165) **12.00 The Boy on a Dolphin (1957)** (54184) **2.00pm The Rains Came (1939)** (13252) **4.00 Runaway Express (1992)** (82821) **6.00 Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995)** (35748) **8.00 Black Beauty (1994)** (33788) **9.30 Movie Show** (89271) **10.00 Interview with the Vampire (1994)** (44207397) **12.05am Shadow Dancer (1995)** (442450) **1.45 Jimmy Hollywood (1994)** (5830902) **3.35-6.00 State of Emergency (1994)**

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 6am.
6.05am Quack Attack (4513788) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (2964707) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dale (2976542) **7.20** Ducktales (6743165) **7.45** Ducktales (3676523) **8.10** Quack Attack (7166320) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (8029894) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (6656287) **9.25** Quack Attack (5221813) **10.00** Disney Presents (2247829) **10.55** Chip 'n' Dale (51726233) **11.20** Chip 'n' Dale (2007233) **11.45** Muppet Babies (1526691) **12.05pm** Sing Me a Story (2005504) **12.30** Lamb Chop (82417) **1.00** Tarzan (73946) **1.30** Flipper (30036078) **2.20** Teen Angel (68810962) **2.35** Eyewitness (2568) **3.00** Ducktales (68302287) **3.25** Quack Attack (65468941) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale (3552078) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (5944691) **4.40** Darkwing Duck (33284368) **5.00** Gargoyles (4441) **5.30** Disney Presents (60726) **6.30** Home Improvement (4349) **7.00** Just Like Family (7707) **7.30** Faerie Tales (75233) **8.30** Gargoyles (37271) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement

EUROSPORT

7.30am Formula 1 (16436) **8.00** Mountainbike (15233) **8.30** Motors (54542) **10.30** Ski Jumping (49875) **11.30** Formula 1 (16287) **12.00** Motorcycling Magazine (18320) **12.30pm** Eurolun (46691) **1.00** Mountainbike (29900) **1.30** Mountainbike (45862) **2.00** Football (43261) **3.30** Olympic Magazine (1097) **4.00** LIVE Cycling (4944962) **8.00** Truck Racing (45839) **9.00** Boxing (52165) **10.00** Formula 1 (26349) **10.30** Motorcycling Magazine (35097) **11.00** Mountainbike (36639) **11.30** Sailing (85078) **12.00-12.30** Pro Wrestling (70106)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (72243) **7.30** Wrestling (83726) **8.30** Racing News (29436) **9.00** Aerobics (10788) **9.30** Ladies Golf (80349) **10.30** International One Day Cricket England v Pakistan (7430558) **6.30pm** Sports Centre (6165) **7.00** European Golf: British Masters (22097) **9.00** Boots 'n' All (67097) **10.00** Sports Centre (24981) **10.30** One Day Cricket (77287) **12.00** Formula Three (78740) **12.30am** US Open Tennis (5706382) **4.00-4.30** Sports Centre (89363)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Futbol Mundial (2527271) **8.30** Neibusters (2513078) **9.00** Formula Three Racing (5775271) **9.30** Tight Lines (3621252) **10.30** Volleyball from Covent Garden (2928417) **11.00** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (5241900) **12.30-1.00am** Blood, Sweat and Glory (1188011)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 European Golf (64327356) **2.30pm** European Golf: British Masters — Live (11802235) **5.30** US Open Tennis — Live (83204962) **9.00** Football League Review (39815368) **10.30** Netbusters (73265728) **11.00** Beach Volleyball (36819184) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (28440833)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Victory **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** This Is Your Day **6.15** Changing Your World **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (2302879) **7.55** As the World Turns (9885287) **8.50** Peyton Place (5702900) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (5942078) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (5762707) **11.30** Sports Vacations (57634364) **12.00** Ski Today (2941368) **12.30pm** The Real Food of China (1128261) **1.00** Getaway (2118558) **1.30** On Top of the World (2578702) **2.00** Classic Car Chase (5088610) **3.00** Globetrotter (2526542) **3.30** Around the World (7129469) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (75216455)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Memories of 1986 (5893287) **5.00** The Red Beret (2517894) **6.00-7.00** Biography: FDR (1/2) (5273310)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday-Wednesday and **7am-4am** Thursday-Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable.
1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (7546932) **2.00-4.00 FILM: Glen and Randa** (6234363)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7578287) **9.30** The Garden Show (9410504) **10.00** Two's Country (61304361) **10.30** Home Again (7494271) **11.00** The Painted House (50061651) **11.30** Room for Improvement (5007894) **12.00** Julia Child (7485523) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (94143201) **1.00** Simply Delicious (2873788) **1.30** This Old House (9413691) **2.00** This Old House (2389457) **2.30** Garden Club (1618418) **3.00** Fishing Adventures (5245784) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (5917225)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (2876875) **7.30** Neighbours (2888610) **8.00** Angels (7484894) **8.30** EastEnders (7483165) **9.00** The Bill (7474417) **9.30** The Sullivans (9412962) **10.00** Bergerac (2884894) **11.00** Bullseye (5008523) **11.30** Sale of the Century (5009252) **12.00** Tellystack (7487981) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9423078) **1.00** EastEnders (9505894) **1.35** Never the Twain (9458875) **2.15** Ever Decreasing Circles (9128981) **2.55** Butterflies (9656165) **3.30** The Bill (3117243) **4.00** One by One (5099875) **5.00** Bullseye (4990897) **5.30** George and Mildred (4567784) **6.00** Tellystack (7717207) **6.30** EastEnders (1628504) **7.05** The Two Ronnies (5391829) **8.00** The Other One (2095261) **8.30** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (9045946) **9.00** Miss Marple: 4.50 from Paddington (1921558) **10.00** The Bill (4070097) **10.45** Canned Carrot (5468523) **11.25** The Sweeney (8928146) **12.25am FILM: Inn for Trouble** (1132547)



Tom Cruise in *Interview with the Vampire* (Movie Channel, 10pm)

TCC

6.00am Sesame Street (11504) **7.00** Tiny and Crew (2033333) **7.15** Rosie and Jim (1869813) **7.30** Dreadysaurus and the Gang (2005981) **7.40** Bertha (3956726) **7.50** Teddy Trucks (3945610) **8.00** Barney and Friends (57233) **8.30** Dinobabies (56504) **9.00** Art Attack (70184) **9.30** Byker Grove (84875) **10.00** Heartbreak High (86320) **11.00** Madison (53320) **11.30** Hang Time (61349) **12.00** Degrassi Junior High (50320) **12.30pm** Pugwall (88691) **1.00** California Dreams (73900) **1.30** Cybernet (87962) **2.00** Ready or Not (9165) **2.30** Madison (8542) **3.00** Heartbreak High (65165) **4.00** California Dreams (9894) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (5078)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (50115965) **6.15** Mr Men (50097651) **6.30** Babar (24652) **7.00** Pet Shop (41799) **7.30** Turtles (20206) **8.00** Biker Mice (29003) **8.30** Mighty Max (28374) **9.00** Rugrats (32138) **10.00** Real Monsters (53664) **10.30** Doug (48138) **11.00** Rocko (58428) **11.30** Pete and Pete (59157) **12.00** Alex Mack (22190) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (50461) **1.00** Santo Bugito (33770) **1.30** Capital Critters (59732) **2.00** Ferals (5645) **2.30** Mighty Max (4022) **3.00** Biker Mice (7480) **3.30** Real Monsters (6867) **4.00** Cryptkeeper (5374) **4.30** Rugrats (4896) **5.00** Sister Sister (8732) **5.30** Alex Mack (5751) **6.00-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6003)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm On the Road Again (5097417) **5.00** Time Travellers (6790879) **5.30** Jurassica (6387766) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (9439636) **7.00** Wild Things: Greenland (6895423) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (9612833) **8.00** The Specialists (1836436) **9.00** Driving Passions (5198826) **9.30** Flightline (9434184) **10.00** Classic Wheels (1922287) **11.00-12.00** Until Something Breaks (2883165)

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (7489349) **12.30pm** William Tell (9418146) **1.00** The Buccaneers (2893542) **1.30** Sir Lancelot (9417417) **2.00** The Wild Wild West (6128891) **3.00** The Saint (5006436) **4.00 FILM: Da** (7045766) **6.00** UFO (9426165) **7.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (1847542) **8.00** Land of the Giants (1823962) **9.00** Twin Peaks (1843726) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Road Games** (5004707)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (7165) **7.30** Entertainment (3691) **8.00** Wings (6813) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (5320) **9.00** Soap (37368) **9.30** Taxi (42829) **10.00** Entertainment (22523) **10.30** Dr Katz (31271) **11.00** Home Court (32813) **11.30** London Underground (81252) **12.00** Carnal Knowledge (73382) **1.00am** Soap (32634) **1.30** Taxi (72740) **2.00** Entertainment (76853) **2.30** Wings (55160) **3.00** Dr Katz (52488) **3.30-4.00** Home Court (79740)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (7699097) **7.00** Esther (7462558) **7.30** Young and Restless (8544185) **8.20** Trivial Pursuit (2278455) **8.45** Rhodes around Britain (3070342) **9.15** Rolanda (5232287) **10.10** Jerry Springer (9150558) **11.00** Young and Restless (7683900) **11.55** Brookside (5257639) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (6237813) **1.20** Catchword (2290981) **2.00** Cagney and Lacey (33223698) **3.00** Charlie's Angels (1916146) **4.00** Intatuation UK (7658233) **4.30** Crosswits (53658184) **5.05** Lingo (64159962) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7678097) **6.00** Bewitched (7669610) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6421165) **7.05** Brookside (8683423) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (9306707) **8.00** Street Legal (1967320) **9.00 FILM: When No One Would Listen** (1977707) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files (7375078)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Through the Keyhole (4207) **5.30** My Two Dads (2558) **6.00** Batman (9271) **6.30** Catchphrase (8833) **7.00** All Clued Up (3581) **7.30** The Fall Guy (86707) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (8



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THURSDAY AUGUST 29 1996



RFU unlikely to be cowed by expulsion threat

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

REPRESENTATIVES from Scotland, Ireland and Wales yesterday stood back from the expulsion of England from rugby union's five nations' championship. True, they have temporised for only a week, but it is the first suggestion in a long and increasingly irascible summer that the Celtic nations appreciate their own situation is far from strong.

The three countries met at Heathrow on Tuesday night — significantly, no representative from France was present — and a statement from their television committee said that they had agreed dates for a home-and-away four nations' championship next year.

"This decision will be reported to a meeting of the full committee of these unions next week," the statement said. "Between now and then, discussions will take place in one final attempt to persuade the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to save the five nations' championship in its current form." Whether the RFU will choose to do so seems debatable.

It has long been clear to all parties that the loss of a sporting event such as the five nations' tournament is good for no one, denies players the opportunity to contest something that is part of the fabric of the game in the northern hemisphere, and denies spectators easy access to a series fascinating in its unpredictability, if not always of the highest class.

However, in the long term, the biggest losers would be the Celtic nations themselves. Many consider the moral high ground to be theirs in this argument, but rugby having declared itself an open game, every commercial argument favours England and its population of 48 million, wooed by television and sponsors in a way that Celtic competition — even with French involvement — would not be.

"We have given England a last opportunity, it's up to them," Syd Millar, the Ireland delegate, said. "Otherwise the situation will take its inevitable course and that will be a four nations' championship." England, as has been their stance of late, chose to make no official response other than to acknowledge the statement.

As matters stand, the only country with an agreement firmly on the table is England: their five-year broadcasting contract with BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting company 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, is worth £87.5 million and has the support of leading English clubs, even if none of them are likely to sign an agreement which they believe is too long and offers them too little money.

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"We had a verbal response from the RFU to our previous discussion," Freddie McLeod, the president of the Scottish Rugby Union, said. "It really has not taken us too far forward. But the door is still open to England to come back within seven days. Beyond that the talking stops.

"They have obviously got to see what they can do with Sky and there has been talk of unscrambling [the agreement], but it would appear there is no unscrambling at this time. At the moment I'm very pessimistic."

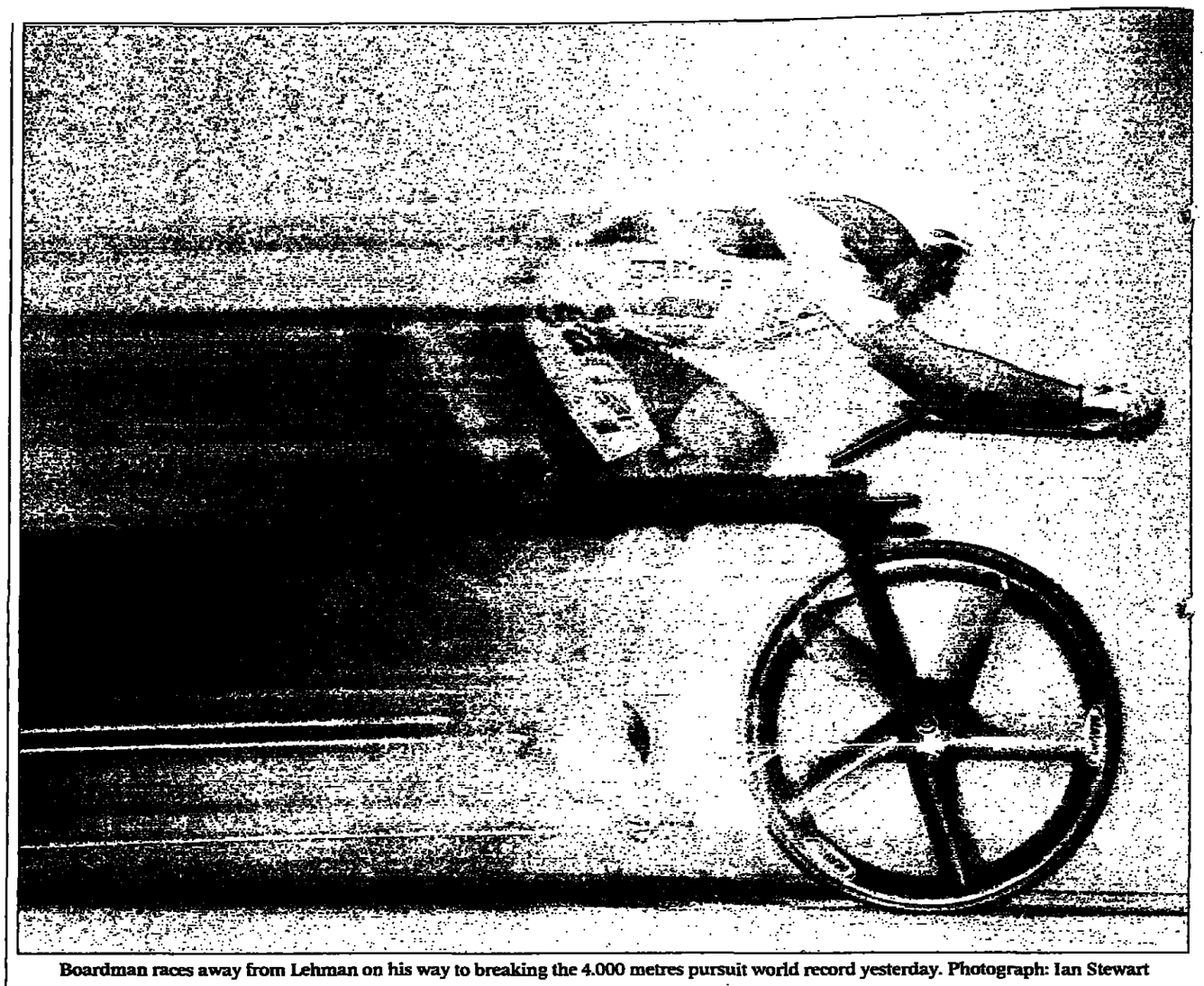
The situation has been exacerbated by the unseemly power struggle within the RFU's ranks. The faction that could announce a restoration of the five nations' would undoubtedly win popular acclaim, but there is a growing belief in England's capacity to emerge from the crisis far stronger, as a playing nation, than their Celtic rivals.

The loss of representative fixtures, from seniors down to schoolboys, and the restriction, if one were placed, on referees crossing borders, would be damaging, but equally so to the Celts. If Scotland, Ireland and Wales have a television agreement parallel to the offer already made to them by Sky — worth £40.5 million to Wales and £28 million each to Scotland and Ireland — they are being remarkably quiet about it. No terrestrial company is likely to match the money available from BSkyB.

Even while the dispute developed there were discussions over A internationals and even of a one-off senior game between Scotland and England specifically for the Calcutta Cup. At the same time, England have in place a refurbished international programme that will include France, Australia and, shortly, New Zealand and South Africa.

"I do think the matter could have been handled far more diplomatically, but England has the major market," Nigel Wray, the property millionaire whose investment in Saracens has created such interest in the North London club, said.

"Though we all love watching international rugby, personally I don't think there is much interest in watching Ireland play Wales or Scotland — there is no rationale for watching those games in England and, as it happens, the rest of the world likes bashing England anyway."



Boardman races away from Lehman on his way to breaking the 4.000 metres pursuit world record yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Boardman obliterates world record

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN was as good as his word. He had forecast a world record for the 4,000 metres pursuit and produced an inspired ride on the opening day of the world track cycling championship series in Manchester yesterday, his time of 4min 13.353sec in the qualifying round taking a remarkable 6.346 seconds off the record set by Andrea Collinelli at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last month.

Boardman again looked unbeatable in the quarter-finals, setting the fastest time of 4:14.784 in that round to eliminate Edouard Gritsoun, of Russia, and cruise through to the semi-finals today.

His classic qualifying ride was almost a rerun of his victory at the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992. His rival yesterday was Jens Lehman, of Germany, whom he caught on that occasion before the full distance was covered.

The same thing happened yesterday, except that Boardman delivered his coup even sooner. He caught the German with 1,000 metres — four laps — remaining. Lehman's aspirations stopped there. "I knew the pace would be fast but not that fast," the Briton said, "but I felt that I would catch him."

Boardman, the latest world-class rider to adopt the Graeme Obree "Superman" position, took another leaf from the Scot's book. To obtain maximum advantage from the streamlining it gives, Boardman fitted a gear of 112 inches, by far the highest he has used on the track.

Such was the effort to get the machine away from the starting gate that Boardman tended to wobble at the "off" and lost at least one second in steadying his machine. Once that slight hiccup was resolved, it became a no-contest with Boardman producing a world record that helped to restore Britain's reputation as a pursuiting nation.

Obree, the champion, who is absent on medical advice, watched Boardman's ride on television. "It was a good decision of mine not to defend the title and a wonderful ride by Chris," he said.

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Collinelli's opportunity to regain his record came 20 minutes later but, although he eliminated Juan Martinez, of Spain, and improved his personal best, he still finished four seconds slower than Boardman, who feels he is now profiting from riding in the Tour de France.

He believes he could have improved on his new world record in his quarter-final. "I could have done it," he said. "It was warmer and the conditions were more conducive. But if I keep on breaking records I'll lose sight of what I'm here for and that's winning the championship.

"We decided to go for the time in the early round and just get it out of the way. Then, after that, we could concentrate on winning the title. I'm very motivated by the fact that the championships are taking place in what is virtually my home town."

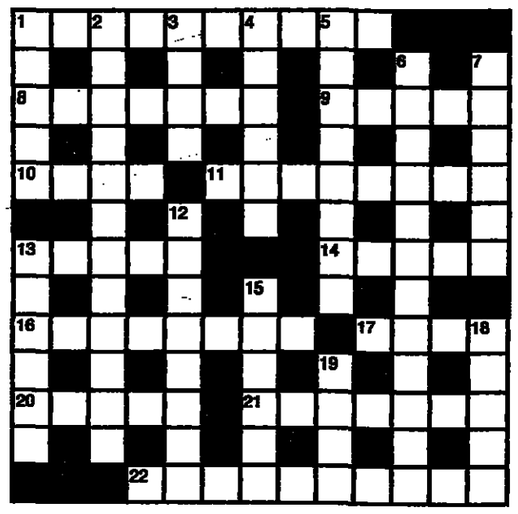
Shane Kelly, of Australia, won the first gold medal of the championships when he broke the course record in the 1,000-metres time trial with a time of 1min 2.777sec. His success was some compensation for disappointment at the Atlanta Games when he pulled his foot out of the pedal-lock and did not finish.



Boardman celebrates after claiming the world record

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1 Plaything; *A* —, Ibsen (5,5)
8 *The* —, Pope satire (7)
9 Printer's daggers (5)
10 Whirling current (4)
11 Disparage, ridicule (4-4)
13 Flat 2D space (5)
14 Radioactive inert gas (5)
16 An anticlimax (3-5)
17 Cry in misery (4)
20 Delivery route (5)
21 Legally detain (goods) (7)
22 First people (4,3,3); an orchid (4-3-3)

DOWN
1 Evade (5)
2 Tediously extended (4-5-3)
3 Spoon off surface material (4)
4 Former pupil (3,3)
5 Squeeze (into tiny space); dressing aid (8)
6 Apparently automatic reaction (6,6)
7 Fungus/alga symbiosis (6)
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Graham may reject Maine Road post

BY PETER BALL

MANCHESTER City held a board meeting last night to discuss their managerial vacancy amid speculation that George Graham will turn the job down.

When the vacancy became known on Tuesday, the former Arsenal manager said that he had to be interested in a job "at a big club", although it was yesterday afternoon before City officials finally heard from him. However Graham, who has built his reputation on careful planning, made a series of telephone calls yesterday, and the information he gathered during those may have persuaded him that he would do better to wait for another job with less obvious drawbacks.



Lee: under pressure

Although Maine Road has been rebuilt since Francis Lee took over as club chairman, there are accumulated debts which mean that whoever takes charge, following the resignation of Alan Ball, will be unable to compete in the transfer market with the leading FA Carling Premiership clubs. Yet the supporters will still expect him to do so, which puts enormous pressure on the manager. Graham is undoubtedly aware of this, and may prefer to make his comeback after his year's suspension in less onerous circumstances.

If Graham does reject the post, Lee will be left with the difficult task of mollifying supporters becoming increasingly critical of his chairmanship. The appointment of a high profile, and successful, manager like Graham would have gone some way to quieten the doubters, who never agreed with his appointment of Ball, a personal friend, and are concerned at the direction the club is taking, after the sale of several leading players over the past 12 months to cut the size of the wage bill.

Last night the *Manchester Evening News*, whose role in Ball's fall was significant, questioned Lee's own part in the signing of foreign players and the selling of Quinn, Coton, Curle and other experienced members of the first-team squad. A chairman with a reputation for being too "hands-on" would not appeal to Graham, or indeed to Bruce Rioch or Kenny Dalglish, whose names have also been mentioned, albeit tenuously, in connection with the job.

The City directors faced a long debate when they convened after last night's reserve game against Wrexham. Rather too late, several of the players expressed their support for Ball, Kinkladze, whose own future may now be in the balance, and Immel leading the way. "I do not like the decision," Immel said.

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Redgrave hints at Olympic return

BY JOHN GOODBODY

STEVE REDGRAVE, the unbeatable icon of British rowing, has not ruled out trying to win a record fifth successive Olympic gold medal in 2000.

The Briton, who will be 38 by the time of the Sydney Games, said yesterday that he had been urged by members of the public to continue competing at international level.

Redgrave had announced that if he won the coxless pair with Matthew Pinsent in Atlanta, he would definitely retire from rowing. Their victory gave Redgrave a fourth successive title, which only Carl Lewis, the long jumper, Al Oerter, the discus thrower, Paul Elvstrom, the yachtsman, and Aladar Gerevich, the fencer, have matched in the modern Games.

Redgrave said: "I have not come to face it yet, that I have actually given up. I have told everybody I am giving up, but I still think it is going to be very, very difficult and I do not know if I can actually walk away from it yet.

"Twenty years of rowing, 16 at international level ... it has been my life and I still love it. I really do love the sport."

Redgrave told *BBC Radio Five Live*: "I am only 34. Some people say that is old for a sportsman, but one of the Hansen brothers [rowers] took a silver medal at 41 and retired the following year at 42 years old. He was favourite to win those Olympics in 1988 at the age of 41 and got the silver.

"So 38 at Sydney would not be too old. I still feel I am capable of doing that. It is getting the enthusiasm of doing the next four years training ..."

Asked whether he would compete in Sydney, he said: "Sydney is a dream in some respects. The Australians treat their sports very differently and I think it will be a fantastic Olympics and to be involved in that as a competitor has got to be fantastic. For me to carry on has got to be not just doing it, it has got to be of winning it in four years' time."

Yet Redgrave added that he did not get much joy out of winning gold in Atlanta, when the coxless pair were Britain's only champions in any sport.



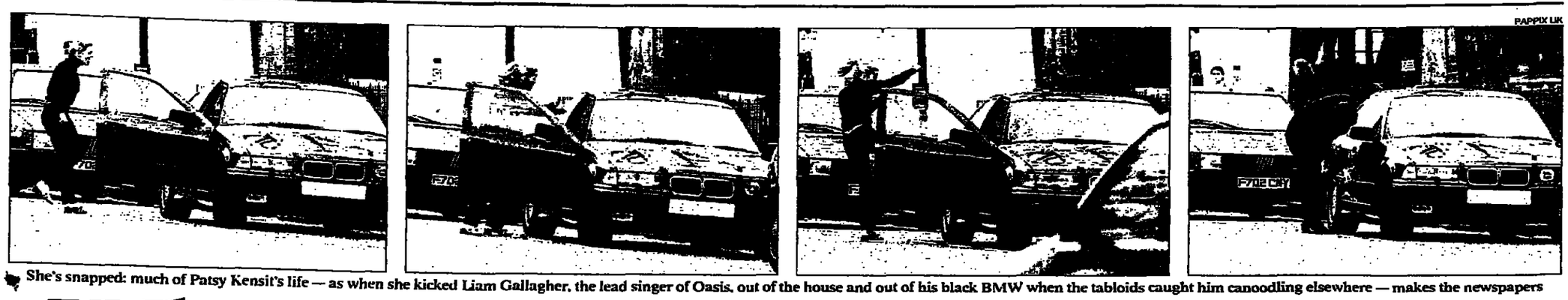
Redgrave: undecided

"I think that the pressures that we put ourselves under, the expectations of everybody else took its toll. It made it a very, very big struggle in the last month and certainly in the last week."

Redgrave is unique among British competitors in having taken gold medals in four successive Olympics. The Hungarian, Gerevich, won six successive team sabre titles. His last, in 1960, came at the age of 50.



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She's snapped: much of Patsy Kensit's life — as when she kicked Liam Gallagher, the lead singer of Oasis, out of the house and out of his black BMW when the tabloids caught him canoodling elsewhere — makes the newspapers

What makes Patsy roll with it?

She is the older woman that Oasis bad boy Liam Gallagher chooses to come home to. Joe Joseph on the rise and rise of Pasty Kensit

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Bound up: Patsy Kensit made no secret of her passion for Liam Gallagher, which quite by chance coincided with Oasis's rise to stardom

People look at all those garish headlines that Patsy Kensit provokes with her brash behaviour and her serial rock marriages and her dalliances with footballers, and they immediately assume that this is a girl you'd be too embarrassed to take home to meet your mother, whereas in actual fact this is a girl you would be too embarrassed to take to meet even your chiropodist.

According to the tabloids, Patsy Kensit is the hen-pecking harridan who forced Liam Gallagher to bow out of Oasis's American tour by ordering her fiancé to come home and find them a place to live ("She's Got Him By The Wonderballs", as one front page put it). Strangely, everything she does seems to be done in the full glare of the national press.

Last month Kensit backed a national campaign to encourage people to keep out of the sun to avoid damaging their skin and health, apparently unaware that an even smarter move for a woman like her would be to stay out of the limelight.

Having heard her confess to one interviewer that, "No, I don't think I'm a good actress, and I don't think I ever will be", you might assume that Kensit is a modest woman. Having seen her work — which stretches from a Bird's Eye pea commercial at the age of four, through the disastrous *Absolute Beginners* and her underdressed appearance in Mel Gibson's *Lethal Weapon 2*, all the way to her role as an oversexed, incestuous Edwardian with bleached pubic hair in the recent *Angels And Insects* — you might also conclude that Kensit has much to be modest about.

So how come she always manoeuvres herself into the newspapers? Because she has worked out that you can get even more out of your allotted 15 minutes of fame by piggy-backing on someone else's 15 minutes. Do that a few times and the hours just fly by. Kensit has turned herself into one of those hermit crabs which scour the shore looking for new shells that they can take shelter in.

"I don't care about money or anything like that," she once gushed. "All I want to be is more famous than anyone or anything. I say my prayers every night. I say: 'Please, God, make me a star'." For Moses, God managed miracles. Patsy he was generous enough to send into orbit around real stars.

To you and me love may be blind, or a many splendoured thing, or like a red, red rose, but to Patsy it is a sure way of fleshing out her press cuttings, especially if the love is aimed at a rock star.

It is impossible to snap Liam Gallagher these days without Kensit's face in the frame, either kissing him or flashing her engagement ring. Even her fallouts — as when she kicked Gallagher out of the house and out of his BMW when the tabloids caught him canoodling elsewhere — make the papers. She was still at school when she appeared in a pop video for Haircut 100, and not yet out of gymslips when she picked up Gary Kemp of Spandau Ballet at a Capital Radio party ("I kind of pulled Gary, which was kind of bizarre because I was just coming up to my fifteenth birthday", though "it was really innocent").

She was still a teenager when she married Dan Donovan, son of the fashion photographer Terence Donovan and keyboard player for the then hot band Big Audio Dynamite, although she told the press at the time — no, Kensit has never grasped the concept of keeping one's own counsel — "I know it's corny but I love him so much. I think we will be Mr and Mrs Donovan for ever."

Well, at least a couple of years.

Then it was marriage to Jim Kerr, singer with Simple Minds, with whom she has a young son, James, now three. "I have found someone who is right for me in Jim," she cooed. At the time Simple Minds had cut several million-selling albums and were as big a fish as a blonde bait like Kensit could have hoped to catch.

Since Kerr, she has struck up friendships with Ryan Giggs of Manchester United, and Spurs goalkeeper Ian Walker, has flirted wildly with Formula One racing driver David Coulthard and for some reason chose to plunge her hand down the front of Michael Hutchence's trousers at the MTV Awards in Paris, even though the INXS singer had his own hands full with Paula Yates at the time.

Then she made no secret of her passion for Liam Gallagher, which quite by chance happened to coincide with Oasis's evolution into the biggest British band since the Beatles. Kensit is not one for sitting at home and pining. Having apparently pinned a pic of Gallagher to her wall at home, she then even embarrassed the unembarrassable Chris Evans when she appeared on his chat show *TFI Friday* to promote *Angels And Insects* and kissed a photo of Liam that was pinned to the wall. A "take me I'm yours" code: but without the code.

However, now that rumours are swirling that Oasis might implode, Kensit is beginning to look like the closest thing the rock world has to the curse of *Hello!*, the phenomenon whereby happily married couples seem to announce their divorce within weeks of allowing the *Hello!* photographers into their beautiful homes. Similarly, the minute Kensit gets involved with a member of a band that is on the crest of a wave, the sea turns calm. Remember Big Audio Dynamite? Bought a Simple Minds CD recently? Spooky, isn't it?

"I've always wanted kids, ever since I was 14," Kensit said last year. "I like what they bring out in me... Love and craziness." In choosing to hook up with the 23-year-old Oasis singer, who is five years her junior, Kensit seems to have tired of waiting for her own lad to grow up. Like one of those TV chefs working to a tight deadline, she has found a son someone made earlier.

Her friends say Kensit has gone off the rails, possibly thrown off course by the death three years ago of her mother, to whom she was devoted.

Others wonder if she was thrown off the rails at an even earlier age as a result of idolising a father, Jimmy the Dip, who was a frequently convicted pickpocket and nightclub owner who spent slices of his life in prison, knew the big gangsters of the Sixties, and who even chose Reggie Kray to be godfather to Patsy's brother, Jamie.

"He was the first man I ever fell in love with," Kensit said. Now we know that Jimmy was just the first of many. Kensit is in danger of turning into a modern Britt Ekland or, worse, Zsa Zsa Gabor. Even more staggering, she almost makes Paula Yates look restrained.

A. S. Byatt, from whose novella *Angels And Insects* was adapted, said after seeing Kensit in the film: "She's a very intelligent girl who has succeeded in displaying stupidity in a rather clever way." In a movie, that can be taken as a compliment. In real life, it just leaves you looking like a hopeless patsy.

The Princess's ring of confidence

The newly divorced Diana has given us an important signal, says Giles Coren

AS ROYAL gestures go, it was right up there with the big, blue, mascarad eyes peeking over the top of the surgical mask — and it may yet backfire as mightily. Whichever way you look at it. Diana, Princess of Wales (as we must call her from this day forth) has truly wagged a finger at Prince Charles. The scene was set for a grand performance. The world's media followed her every breath as the hours to decree absolute ticked by.

After a spot of lunch with some dancers from the English National Ballet, she appeared in a nice little grey number and made her move. The little white bag, matching the jacket trim, was in perfect position, and yet she adjusted it. Why? The lenses closed in on the adjusting hand. It was making a strange motion, sliding the strap between middle and fourth fingers.

For she was displaying the diamonds and sapphires of her engagement ring: the memento of the Prince of Wales's proposal. A reminder to the world that it was he, not she, who had asked: "Will you marry me?"

And beneath it was the wedding ring he had slipped on her finger as he made the solemn promises before God which were, at that very moment, being cancelled at Somerset House.

You would expect her to have thrown the wretched ring in the Thames on her way to the gym. Or at least to have dropped it down a drain as in the famous Volkswagen advert. But she had not.



The royal rings

You might have thought she would at least conceal it for fear of frightening suitors away. But this gesture was a clear indication, or pretence of one, that she was not available, that her heart has been broken, that she is a martyr and deserves our sympathy.

Yet she is not one of those women for whom the wearing of the ring is too painful in the aftermath of doomed love. Nor can she have been unaware of the excitement the ring would generate on this particular day. It was, in short, a very brilliant coup. As the split became legal and the former royal couple went their separate ways, it was to be Diana, as ever, who grabbed the headlines.

"You can take my title," I suppose she is saying. "But you can't pretend I never happened." It don't mean a thing, in other words, if you ain't got that ring.

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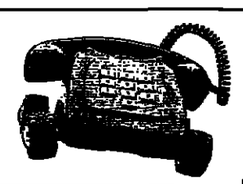
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Will Prince Charles ever be bonnie?

A royal devolutionist could win us over, says **Magnus Linklater**

It is not surprising that the Prince of Wales should have decided to spend yesterday, the day he became a single man once more, at Balmoral. It's not just that fishing a salmon river, trying to get the feel of the water and wondering whether a change of fly might do the trick, is the best therapy known to man: it's more about the perspective and detachment that a bit of open hillside a long way from London will have offered him as he ponders his future. Questions about divorce, a possible remarriage, his suitability as a monarch for the 21st century, and the role of Camilla Parker Bowles are probably best pondered in such surroundings, always provided he can dodge the telephoto lenses.

There is something to be said too for using Scotland as a sounding-board. For one thing, north of the border, he is not a future Defender of the Faith, one of the many burdens he carries in England, where his position as potential head of the Church dogs his every move. The Scottish Kirk, which has no hierarchy of bishops, which derives its authorty from the congregation upwards, and which has never recognised the king as having any position of authority over it, will allow him to make his own decisions unimpeded by doctrine. Last Sunday, within hours of some blurred pictures showing him in the company of Mrs Parker Bowles, senior Anglicans were paraded to warn him once again about any future marriage. He may have been ill-advised to have been seen with her at such a time, but such instant condemnation gives the impression that the Church of England is a source of sound-bites, rather than wise counsel.

> The Prince appears open to suggestions of change

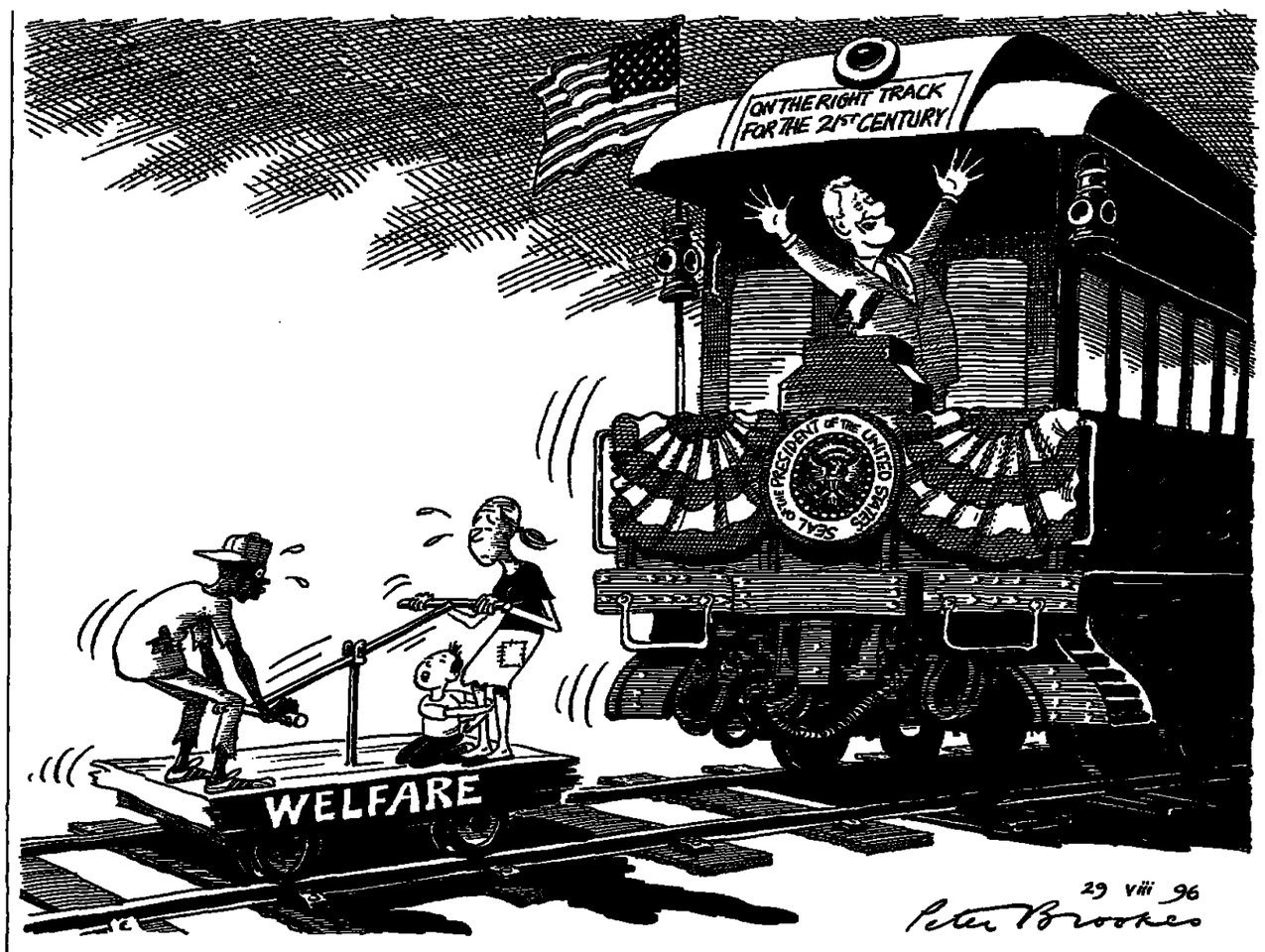
That truth is that neither constitutionally nor ecclesiastically is there any reason why divorce should impede Charles's succession to the throne, and the question of remarriage and his suitability for the throne will be influenced not by the Church but by public opinion. Lord Blake, Britain's most eminent constitutional historian, sees no objection to Charles's succession, and the Archbishop of Canterbury agrees with him, though there is a subtle difference in the way they express their views. Lord Blake, who has been consulted by the Royal Family, goes back through history and can find no barrier to the accession of a divorced king; indeed he believed that the unhappy marriage to Dana was itself more of an impediment than the separation. The Archbishop bends more to public sentiment in a nation where the divorce rate is now almost 50 per cent.

"Whomever Prince Charles did marry would have to become Queen in due course," Lord Blake points out. "There is no such thing in the British constitution as the morganatic marriage . . . so if Prince Charles did marry again, his choice would have to be one of which his future subjects could approve." So far, opinion polls suggest that the British people would, by a massive majority, be against his marrying Camilla, and the Prince himself has made it clear that he intends no such thing. But that could change, and with it public opinion. The question is, how will that decision be influenced?

Here again, the relatively detached view from Scotland may be relevant. Historically, the Scots have been far less enthusiastic about the monarchy than the English. They accepted the joint rule of William and Mary reluctantly, and viewed the Hanoverian succession with suspicion. When George IV came north in 1822, dressed in a kilt and flesh-coloured tights, he might as well, for all but the tartan-clad chiefs who greeted him, have been a creature from outer space. Since then, despite a surge of republicanism in the 1950s, it has been the behaviour and personality of individual members of the Royal Family which have influenced opinion, rather then the constitutional role itself.

Some of them have won warm support despite the relative decline of the monarchy. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Queen herself and the Princess Royal are popular because they have demonstrated their enthusiasm for the nation itself. They appear to like being here; they spend a disproportionate amount of time north of the border, and they see Scotland as more than just as a place to slaughter animals. Charles, who is keen on wild places, and who spent several weeks as a latter-day crofter on Bernera Island, is nevertheless regarded with more suspicion. People, it seems, cannot quite get the measure of him, and this may have something to do with his private life. The Kirk itself, which is not Presbyterian for nothing, took a dim view of his unfaithfulness, probably echoing popular opinion.

But in one respect, the Prince may be ahead of his time, and, as the years begin to heal the wounds of the divorce, he could regain the support he has lost. It is no secret that despite the constraints under which he operates he is an enthusiast for constitutonal change. This includes not just his future relationship with the Church, but the whole internal arrangement of the United Kingdom. He is, in short, a closet devolutionist, believing that if Scotland and Wales wish to take their own routes, they should be allowed to. That is far more revolutionary than his intentions, whatever they may be, towards Mrs Parker Bowles, and distinctly more in tune with public opinion. Given time, he may be allowed to speak out about such things. Given time, he may be equally free to marry the woman he loves.



Apartheid of ageism

'Drop dead at 40' might be the motto of the new Channel 5. But do the young want to be Peter Pans?

William Rees-Mogg

Dawn Airey is the programme controller of Channel 5, which will start next year. She is therefore a person who may have some influence on our society, though Channel 5 will have only a small share of the television market; 40 per cent of its product will consist of repeats and bought-in foreign shows which will have no more cultural impact than they do when shown elsewhere. Nevertheless, Ms Airey has an opportunity to provide a somewhat different channel with somewhat different programmes.

Last weekend she gave the Edinburgh Television Festival an outline of the new channel's programme philosophy. Channel 5 has, it appears, decided to go for youth. "We're aimed", she said, "at a slightly younger audience than the current channels." That, I suppose, is quite acceptable. If there is a niche in the market for a younger television audience, there is no reason why Channel 5 should not fill it. One may wonder whether youth will really be interested by the 40 per cent of repeats and inexpensive imports, but perhaps the 60 per cent of new products will be more attractive to them.

The odd thing is that Ms Airey went on to argue that youth is an audience which is particularly hard to win. The under-40s already have huge demands on their leisure time, and in her opinion they want their viewing to be "useful", "revelatory" or "entertaining in a modern way". If it is true that youth has too many other things to do to want to watch more television, it suggests that the youth niche may be a marketing illusion.

Without further definition, one cannot tell what is meant by "useful". The idea of "useful" television is a dreary one; it consists of cooking, gardening, travel and "do-it-yourself" programmes, all of which are automatically turned off by many viewers. "Revelatory" too often means investigative programmes into E-numbers, misleading answers to parliamentary committees and slopping out in Scottish prisons, none of which keep the under-14s I know glued to their sets. "Entertaining in a modern way" suggests alternative comedians in dirty macintoshes making jokes about condoms in studios designed to look like underground car parks. If Channel 5 is indeed going to concentrate on these now traditional types of boring programme, the other television channels will have little to fear, and the youth niche, if it exists, is likely to be left unfilled.

Ms Airey would like to have us think that her new channel will be politically correct. "There will be a sizeable number of non-Caucasian faces and a lot of women," she said. News will be presented by Kirsty Young, a Scottish newsreader, who is only 27 years old. Like the emphasis on youth itself, this all seems perfectly familiar. There are a lot of women on all the other channels. Perhaps women still have too few chances to tackle some of the more political and foreign stories, but even there the opportunities have improved. Non-Caucasian faces are not in short supply either, though again there are areas to which black journalists might have better access. All that one can judge from this is that Ms Airey will be a conventional equal opportunities employer.

The question one has to ask is why she allows herself to make so great an exception of the issue of age. She is sympathetic to equal rights for women, and properly so. She is sympathetic to equal rights for different ethnic groups, and properly so. But she is brutally dismissive of people who are over 40. In her address she said: "The forties are only going to get older and they'll take their values with them." It looks as though "drop dead at 40" will be Channel 5's motto.

I have been trying to persuade myself that one should not take this too seriously. It seems from the rest of her speech that Ms Airey has been only too much influenced by the superficiality of much television culture and by the jargon of marketing. Why should one mind, or let one's self be surprised, if a superficial woman says silly things? It has been noted before that the shallowness of the television and marketing worlds can addle people's brains. Yet I think this argument actually cuts the other way. Ms Airey speaks for many other people of her culture; they might be too shrewd to say that the over-40s and their values do not matter because they are both going to die fairly soon, but it would be their sense of self-preservation which would save them, not any repugnance to that view.

Ageism is a horrible attitude, whichever way one looks at it. In practical terms, it produces as great a reduction of opportunity as the other great prejudices, as racial prejudice or the prejudice against women. Men and women over 40 are still at the height of their practical powers, with experience added to a mature energy. Some jobs require the special qualities of early youth, such as Wimbledon tennis, lyric poetry, command of a platoon in battle, foreign exchange dealing or the "pretty face" jobs in modelling and television. But these jobs are a minority. Lawyers, teachers, bank managers, epic poets, secretaries, publishers, Cabinet ministers, all tend to do their jobs at their best when they are over 40. Yet far too many employers refuse to hire people when they have passed a certain age. The peak of human capacity in terms of age is very variable: ageism is just as irrational as racism or sexism, and just as odious.

The damage of ageism to the over-40s is obvious enough. Yet the damage to the under-40s is equally serious, though different. One mistake that Ms Airey makes is to suppose that the mature values of a society are merely those of the older generation, and that these values will and ought to vanish with that generation. In fact, maturity comes to most people sooner or later, and the mature values of a society allow it to survive through many generations. The mature values of Britain include a sense of justice, a commitment to loyalty, a moderation of response, a respect both for liberty and order. If you want to know what Britain as a nation really thinks, and will go on thinking, you had best talk to the old women, and particularly to those not of the upper class. They are the nation's repository of the permanent truths.

What Ms Airey is saying, and it is quite false, is that the present generation of under-40s will never grow up. It is, in a strange way, a very middle-aged view to take. The 1960s did produce too many of these Peter Pan personalities who denied the values of maturity. Some of them, particularly in television, have risen to positions of influence. One need not speak of the 53-year-old Michael Grade and his influence on Channel 4. This is not the attitude I meet in those who are genuinely still young. They do not want to be Peter Pans; they do not reject maturity or the responsibilities they see ahead of them; they are rather serious and often resent that trivialisation of their culture by their elders.

Ageism damages the old and demeans the young. It also expresses a depressing view of life. We all get older. If from the age of 40 onwards, there is nothing left but decline and the decay of values, then the good bit of life must be very brief and will always be overshadowed by a certain sense of doom. That is both a pessimistic view and a false one. A healthy individual goes on exploring reality until very late in life; some things drop away, but other things are added. A healthy society comprehends the values both of youth and age, and particularly cherishes the values which they share. Ageism should have no more acceptance in our society than any other species of apartheid. We certainly do not need a new ageist television channel.

Leave the leadership vote alone

Nicholas Budgen on the role of the Tory backbencher

When *The Times* runs a story about Westminster politics across its front page and supplements it with a first leader, those affected ought to give it some thought. This week Andrew Pierce reported that the Prime Minister is backing plans to give party activists a vote in Tory leadership elections, in return for new candidate selection procedures designed to increase the number of women and non-white MPs. As a Tory backbencher who has had differences of opinion with both John Major and my constituency party, I am certainly affected.

The report bears all the marks of a nudge from the National Union Executive Committee, which is making these proposals. I hope that Mr Major is not "deeply concerned" about his party's lack of women MPs, and that John Taylor's failure at Cheltenham did not "exasperate him". Such things — unlike, say, the single currency or our troops in Bosnia — have almost nothing to do with him.

The National Union is the voluntary side of the Tory party. It organises the party conference and is the body to which constituency associations belong. Central Office is different. It is the office of the leader of the party. Central Office works with the National Union; sometimes their proximity causes them to forget that their roles are distinct.

There is a power struggle here. The National Union wants more power at the expense of backbench MPs. The National Union has a very important job, advising and supporting the leader, but most of all it should seek to preserve the independence of constituency parties. These have a separate and important role. They influence and sometimes even control their candidate or MP. A Tory can be selected only by his constituency party. He cannot be deselected by the whips or the Prime Minister.

If the constituency parties are deprived of their influence over MPs and candidates, what are they about? They can be asked to raise more money. They can be consulted and even ennobled. However, in the end they are deprived of influence and power. People may work for the Tory party because they enjoy the work or want to be councillors, but many, if not most, want to have a say in how the country is governed.

Yesterday *The Times* reported that Archie Norman is to be chairman of Asda, the supermarket group. Mr Norman is apparently an ardent Tory and has political ambitions, but he is unlikely to stand for Parliament at the next election. Another report reads: "He does not appear to see much point in being an MP on the losing side. In other words he is interested only in running a department."

That is a view of our role: to be part of the group from which the Government is drawn. It is not the whole role. Some of us are backbenchers and nothing else. The Nolan committee and the drift towards full-time MPs prevent us from expending much of our working energy outside the House. So what should the backbench MP do? The active Tory backbench MP has no more than two independent roles. First, he can support just one cause. It does not matter much what; provided you have only one big bee in your bonnet at any one time, you may even be listened to. Secondly, the backbencher has a duty to keep his eye on the performance of the leader, and in so doing he ought to think of the widest possible interest.

At present, only active backbench MPs can exercise any direct influence on the choice of leader. At the last leadership election, the electorate was 329, but the payroll vote was at least 100. John Redwood won 89 votes. On that occasion I declared my support for Mr Redwood, along with about 19 other Tory MPs. This is not a very satisfactory system but it is difficult to think of a better. When I voted for Mrs Thatcher in 1975, I did not declare my position. I wanted to keep my constituency party together. Last year (unlike 1975) I thought that by declaring my voting intention I might have some slight influence over other members. I paid the price for any such influence by attracting a lot of criticism from my constituency party, which of course is able to deselect me.

What is the national interest in all this? The nation needs a system which secures affirmation or change quickly and yet with authority. What happens if we have a formal electoral college, with Tory MPs having 80 per cent of the votes and the voluntary party the remaining 20 per cent? Such an election would be slow and provoke damaging public discussion between friends. What if the leadership has to be changed quickly owing to illness, as in the cases of Eden or Macmillan? What happens to the royal prerogative? What about the state of the party after a fiercely contested open leadership battle?

The present system is not perfect, but if the party wants vigorous party activists and a few genuine backbenchers, it would do well to drop these proposals. Though we should of course thank Robin Hodgson of the National Union, Brian Mawhinney, Norman Fowler and the Prime Minister for their disinterested dis-

Spin it to me

THE MOST famous single woman in the world made a beeline yesterday for the Labour Party's most famous single man. Diana, Princess of Wales, buttonholed Peter Mandelson over a canapé and glass of mineral water at yesterday's English National Ballet lunch, engaging him in earnest discussion.

There have been ludicrous suggestions that Diana may want to become a Labour MP, but this is not what concerned the pair in the five-minute conversation.

Instead, after a brief chat about ballet, the pair turned to spin-doctoring. Mandelson, strategist behind Labour's election campaign, took the opportunity of his first meeting with the Princess to display his feline charms in the art. Diana may have appointed a new private secretary to manage her financial affairs this week, but she is still without a press adviser.

Mandelson, who is a board member of the Ballet, would not comment, but a fellow guest at the lunch remarked that the two got on famously. "They were locked together for a good five minutes," she said. "It was the first time Peter had met her." Afterwards, Diana moved on to chat with that priestess of presentation, high-kicking Angela Rippon.

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● *The ultimate accolade has been accorded Imran Khan's wife, Jemima. A saucerer in Pakistan has branded his new range after her. Jemima's Tangy Ketchup, Jemima's Chilli and Garlic Sauce and Jemima's Bokhara Sauce, all emblazoned with a huge "J", are on the shelves. Most popular, however, is Jemima's Mix Pickle.*

Punch him

IN THE offices of *Punch*, staff are failing to find life as funny as it used to be. Lackeys on the satirical magazine, which has been resurrected by Mohamed Al Fayed (in case you hadn't noticed), are at their wits' end over the musical aspirations of their managing editor, moustachioed Mike Molloy, former Editor-in-Chief of the Mirror Group. A founder member of the Useless Piece of Information Society, Molloy has taken to swanning around the offices rasping on a harmonica like a talentless street performer. "It's very distracting and really rather odd," moans one exasperated hack.

Roaring boys

WHAT is it about Liz Hurley's friends and the Los Angeles Police Department? After her boyfriend Hugh Grant was caught with a prostitute off Sunset Boulevard last year, her best friend, Henry Dent-Brocklehurst, now faces being imprisoned for speeding.

Before the incident, Henry had been attending a lunch with Princess Margaret and the model Lisa B. He had promised Lisa a lift to her next venue — an audition of some sort — but Princess Margaret got carried away with proceedings and the lunch dragged on.

Henry was hauled in by the California Highway Patrol, clocking 40mph over the limit trying to deliver Lisa to her appointment on time.

"The LAPD weren't very sympathetic to the fact that we had been delayed by Princess Margaret," says Henry, now back in Blighty, who says he will be imprisoned as soon as he sets foot in the US unless he attends an imminent hearing in California.



Hurley and hunky

High stakes

HEARTENING to discover that Michael Green, the frightfully successful head of Carlton Communications, enjoyed the company of women and gamblers in his youth. An unauthorised biography of the millionaire claims that at parties "he was was usually the one upstairs under a pile of coats with a girl".

The author, Raymond Snoddy, who works as media commentator of the *Financial Times*, adds that in the old days Green used to join poker game at his house in St John's Wood on Friday nights.

The book will hearten those who managed to fail their GCSEs this summer. Green scraped only three O levels. "Remarkably for someone who is now noted for his ability to devour numbers and extract useful information from a balance-sheet as if it were a novel, Green did not pass O-level mathematics," writes Snoddy.

Post haste

STRIKES APART, the Post Office



Louisa Symington with news from the metropolis, 88 years old

by a postcard just received by Louisa Symington at her home in Brook Green, west London.

The card, which came from central London, was posted to a former occupant of her home in 1908. The stamp bears the head of the Queen's great-grandfather — but has only just arrived.

The picture is a sepia-tinted daguerrotype showing a prim Edwardian in a frilled shirt. "I hope you are in the best of health," writes the correspondent. "You might come up to shop and see us."

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CRIME AND CRISIS

Belgium's paedophile scandal threatens the country itself

The horrendous Marc Dutroux affair has brought Belgians together across their sharp linguistic and cultural divide. But increasingly they are united in doubt and disgust with their fractured and scandal-ridden political system. The great outflow of public mourning for the two eight-year-old victims whose funeral was held last week has been succeeded by a mood of mounting revolt. Ever more is being revealed of the extraordinary and repeated failures of Belgium's various police forces to act on a mass of evidence that was available to them as far back as 1992. In *Le Soir*'s crisp and unforgiving headline "Everything was known and nothing was done." It is a verdict that sends tremors through the fragile, fractious Belgian state.

With the arrest of a senior detective and a politically well-connected Brussels businessman, the conviction is spreading that Dutroux benefited from official protection. His early release from prison against the advice of the public prosecutor — a decision that has yet to be justified by ministers — was already scandal enough. How, people ask, could a convicted multiple rapist have been left to cruise the Low Countries undetected, picking up children for the purposes of what appears to have been a far-flung and highly profitable paedophile ring?

The Government's initial misjudgment of the public mood has fanned suspicions of a cover-up. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, decided not to break his holiday to attend the two girls' funeral and broke silence on the affair only this week. The more his Government now insists that it wants to keep politics out of the investigation, the more the atmosphere thickens.

Michel Bourlet, the public prosecutor investigating Dutroux and no fewer than nine others, has announced his intention of prosecuting each person he can identify on the hundreds of pornographic paedophile videos that have been seized. What held the public's attention was his addition of the telling little phrase "if I am allowed to do so". Ministers promise that he is under no pressure, other than to establish the truth about this sordid tragedy. A sceptical public questions whether he will fare better than other prosecutors. They have yet to get to the bottom of a whole string of criminal scandals involving politicians, from the unresolved murder in 1991 of the politician André Cools to the massive Agusta bribery affair which claimed the careers of several ministers and brought down Willy Claes, the Belgian Secretary-General of Nato.

Belgium's politicians need convincing and early details of the precise extent of the Dutroux network. However slight the evidence that a cover-up reaches higher than the local police, a revived suspicion of authority will compound this improbable country's chronic identity crisis. The gloom over last month's festivities to mark its 165 years of existence is darker and deeper now.

When Belgium's neighbours give it thought, it is chiefly as the European Union's administrative capital; but the international status of Brussels is no guide to its role as a hub of the Belgian nation. That role has been made all but obsolete by sweeping federalist reforms under which Flanders, Wallonia and the Brussels region have acquired extensive autonomy from the national Government.

However bitterly they bicker across the linguistic divide, most Belgians would still balk at divorce. But the more the centre concedes, the more militant become the separatist demands of Flemish nationalist politicians in the prosperous north. If Belgium is to hold together, it must be by the centre's moral authority. That has been gravely weakened by the State's failure to protect young children from an unspeakable criminal conspiracy that, every family in the land believes, could and should have been detected not months but years ago.

GENDER POLITICS

Washington wives and the American electorate

There are few aspects of the American elections more alien to the outsider than the role played by the presidential spouses. Hillary Clinton spoke forcefully in Chicago on Tuesday night. Elizabeth Dole stole the Republican show in San Diego. Although Mrs Clinton has been a powerful force upon the President and Mrs Dole has been a Cabinet member in her own right, such a degree of prominence seems excessive. The position of First Lady has no official standing and few ballots can be cast on the basis of it. Various explanations can be made. Because the President is more Head of State than Head of Government, his office and all associated with it contain much that is symbolic. More broadly, the public standing of Mrs Clinton and Mrs Dole reflects changing perspectives towards women. There are a number of reasons, including accusations of hypocrisy in her financial dealings, why Mrs Clinton has been such a controversial figure. But it is her very career which fires both detractors and admirers.

Behind all this is the enormous importance that gender now plays in American elections. After race it is now the most striking and significant division in the electorate. In present polls female voters give Bill Clinton the lead by margins of up to 30 points: among men he runs even, at best. Although this disparity is the widest seen so far it follows a 20-year period in which women have moved to the Democrats — a trend that runs counter to past historical patterns. Had only women participated in the 1960 contest, Richard Nixon not John Kennedy would have become President.

This gender gap, although frequently noted by pollsters, is still considered an oddity. This President's reputation for private dealings with women would not necessarily be thought an advantage for him. Theories are offered that the Reagan-Gingrich agenda, with its economic centrepiece, hostility to government services, distaste for the welfare state, opposition to abortion and tough position on crime, has an emphasis and tone that attracts men and repels women. There is little evidence that any of that is the case.

Because there are far more women in the workplace, the question of tax levels or federal spending should be more, not less, salient than in the past. Fear of crime is at least as important for the female electorate. On average slightly more men than women favour open access to abortion. It is difficult to see why issues such as education should suddenly have become predominantly associated with women, especially as, if pollsters are to be believed, the data suggests they are not. A broad sense of whether political parties are empathetic or not appears to be much more important than specific policies.

It is within this context that the election this year is fought. That is what demands the high profile of both Mrs Clinton and Mrs Dole. Republicans, having allowed their attitude towards the sexual revolution to be painted by the more vocal element of the Religious Right, spent their convention trying to counter that impression. They proudly displayed their own women office-holders while placing Mrs Clinton in the radical feminist fringe. Although as much a professional woman as the First Lady, if not more so, Mrs Dole has used a softer tone and her stewardship of the American Red Cross to reinforce that message. The Democrats have responded through Mrs Clinton's attempts to capture the family values rhetoric that Republicans have lately dominated. It is a battle of interpretation, critical to the final outcome, that will run all the way to polling day.

ANOTHER COUNTRY

However inconvenient, no one can relive the past

If the childhood maketh the man, what is a man to do whose family background clashes with his adult image? He cannot change his upbringing; he has either to fabricate, embroider or draw a veil over it. Robert De Niro, consummate actor of low-life roles, adopted the third strategy, while his studio liked to suggest that his past was as tough as his parts. But now the truth is out: De Niro's childhood was embarrassingly happy.

De Niro is revealed in a new biography to have been the well-behaved child of loving parents. Far from battling on Mean Streets or consorting with Godfathers, De Niro came from a slightly bohemian, artistic family and steered well clear of trouble. His closest brush with delinquency was to be thrown out of a department store for travelling the wrong way up an escalator with his friends: not the sturdiest of qualifications for a life spent playing gangsters, street boxers and hoodlums.

De Niro is by no means the first to have suffered this dissonance between image and reality. Sixties bad boys such as Mick Jagger dropped their consonants to hide the legacy of middle-class upbringings and university educations. In that era of fashionably flat northern vowels, anyone born north of Milton Keynes claimed a gritty mining heritage. By the Eighties, when southern was trendy again, the line demarcating the two nations moved back well north of Derby. Politicians are particularly prey to the temptation to play up (or down) their childhoods. Michael Meacher, the Labour frontbencher, claimed working-class antecedence that was some distance from the actuality. Tony Benn, the son of a peer, resents any suggestion that his father was an aristocrat.

In the old days, Tories would try to upgrade themselves socially. Michael Heseltine still insists on wearing a Guards tie even though he spent just a truncated period of National Service in the regiment before escaping to fight a seat. His colleague, Douglas Hurd, felt in the 1990 Tory leadership contest that he had to offset his Etonian education by insisting that his father was merely a tenant farmer. Having gone to Eton now handicaps a Conservative.

Not only do people have no power to change their early years once they become adults; the real problem is that they had none at the time. The circumstances of childhood are decided at birth by parents over whom children have no choice. For roughly 18 years, they are at the whim of their family's class, taste in houses, attitudes to education and so on. As our series this week has shown, people's lives can be powerfully affected by their place in the sibling hierarchy. The past may be another country but the map cannot be redrawn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Vicarious danger of medical films

From Mr Tony Van den Bergh

Sir, In 1987, for Central TV, my hip-replacement was filmed at the Royal Free Hospital. *Treat Me Gently* — as the film was titled — subsequently won a world award for medical TV. The operation was carried out under a spinal anaesthetic so that I was able to comment at every stage.

Everyone concerned agreed in advance to be filmed and only a third of the film was focused on the actual operation. The rest was concentrated on pre-op exercises, tests and the training of medical students. Afterwards several of the paramedics told me that until they watched the transmission they had never realised where exactly their skills had slotted into the overall scheme. *Treat Me Gently* has been used widely for training nurses, and arthritic patients have written to me saying that they had been afraid of having surgery until they'd seen it.

For my BBC radio series, *Lifelines of Medicine*, which ran from the mid-1960s to the 1980s, I recorded many operations, describing what was happening as I stood at the surgeon's elbow. There was never any suggestion that we were pandering to the darker side of our viewers' or listeners' natures.

What then is the difference between those programmes and *Everyday Operations* (report, August 28)? Surely it is one of intent. We were motivated by the wish to dispel ignorance, not to entertain or cater to those who appear to derive vicarious thrills from blood and the scalpel. Profit was never our incentive.

Before any medical programme is put onto the open market, everyone involved, from surgeon to theatre porter, must agree with the filming. Every patient must be told in advance that the programme is to be publicly marketed.

Without the patient's wholehearted agreement not only is medical confidentiality jeopardised but a gross invasion of privacy can be committed.

Yours etc,
TONY VAN den BERGH,
5 Antrim Grove, NW3.
August 28.

School standards

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment

Sir, John Rae (Education, August 23) points out that many state schools are improving their results compared with the independent sector, but wrongly maintains that this might be threatened by some Labour policies.

Labour is proposing targets for continuous improvements for *all* schools — primary and secondary — which will expect every school to exceed its previous performance in exam results. Such targets are working successfully in inner-city LEAs such as Birmingham and Newcastle.

Labour will also insist that league tables measure how well a school is improving compared with the previous year and what progress has been made between entry at 11 and GCSE and A levels. In that way, we can see how well a school is really performing.

Dr Rae himself concedes that these improvements are occurring in comprehensives as well as selective schools. Grant-maintained schools will continue to run their own affairs if they become foundation schools under Labour's plans for local partnerships — and they will also set their own targets for improvement. All schools will be expected to improve on their previous best.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BLUNKETT,
House of Commons.
August 23.

From Ms Janet Menzies

Sir, In 1976 I achieved three A grades and one B at A level, often working 12 hours a day in the process. Even now I and many of my friends are visited by anxiety dreams from that period. If today's teenagers are under less pressure (letters, August 17, 21, 24), then it can only be for the better. I wish them good luck.

Yours faithfully,
JANET MENZIES,
Brambledown,
The Avenue, Westerham, Kent.

Degrees of difference

From Professor David J. Bacon

Sir, The Registrar of the University of Teesside is quoted (Education, August 23) as observing:

There are two types of students: those who want to do a traditional type of degree — such as history or English — and those who want to do something that is creative and allows them to have fun and make their own choices when they graduate.

To think that we traditionalists have educated generations of students in the arts, engineering, humanities, medicine and science without recognising the creative way ahead!

I'm just wondering if the old fuddy-duddies here will allow me to introduce a course in Materials Science with Scouse Humour. That, surely, would give my department the edge over the comedians elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
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August 27.

Concern for the victim in rape cases

From Mr A. A. S. Zuckerman

Sir, Commenting on the inexcusable treatment of the victim in the Edwards rape trial you write in your leading article, "Trials of rape" (August 23), that "judges should not feel that they have to give those who defend themselves greater leeway because of their lack of legal knowledge" (see also letter, August 24).

The problem is due, however, to the fact that those who represent themselves are given as much leeway as lawyers. After all, the special statutory prohibition on questioning rape victims about their sexual history had to be introduced because lawyers, not their clients, subjected rape victims to irrelevant and offensive questioning.

All too often cross-examination is directed to confuse, unsettle and even denigrate the witness, in the hope of undermining her self-confidence and reducing her credibility in the eyes of the jury. This sort of practice was not invented by defendants representing themselves. It has been exercised predominantly by lawyers and in all types of prosecutions.

Judges allow it because cross-examination is thought to be an effective method of getting at the truth. But this is very much to be doubted. As we well know, persons who are confused and upset are not very good at conveying information, nor is it easy to assess their reliability in such a state.

The former Lord Justice of Appeal, Sir Frederick Lawton, is right to question the need for the gruelling six-day cross-examination of this victim (report, August 23). But we should question the wisdom of allowing such practices at all, whether employed by defendants or their lawyers, rather than merely curtail the right of the defendants in rape cases.

Yours truly,
ADRIAN ZUCKERMAN,
University College, Oxford.
August 24.

From Mr Peter Duffy

Sir, Today you report concerns that the European Convention on Human Rights may prevent restricting the right of an accused in rape cases to conduct his own defence, including cross-examining a rape victim. This concern is unfounded.

The case law of the European Court of Human Rights establishes that the right to defend oneself in person is not absolute. In *Croissant v Germany* (1992) 16 EHRR 135, the European Court of Human Rights specifically ruled that it is compatible with the Convention for a state to require that a criminal defendant should act through a lawyer (paragraph 27).

Nothing in the Convention would prevent extending to adult rape victims the protection from questioning by the accused which child sex abuse victims already enjoy. Indeed, far from blocking such reform, compliance with the Convention impels its urgent consideration.

In March of this year, the Court of Human Rights ruled (*Doorson v Netherlands*) that victims' rights are safeguarded under the Convention, in particular the right to privacy under Article 8. States should, the court said, organise their criminal proceedings in such a way that victims' interests are not unjustifiably imperilled; and, in appropriate cases, the interests of the defence are to be balanced against those of the witnesses or victims called upon to testify (paragraph 70 of the judgment).

The dreadful plight faced by the victim during the Edwards trial cannot sensibly be described as striking the fair balance between the interests of the defence and the protection of the victims' interests as the Convention requires.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DUFFY (Editor,
European Human Rights Reports),
Essex Court Chambers,
24 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.
August 23.

'Mandela bashing'

From the Acting High Commissioner for South Africa

Sir, Although I do not contest any commentator's right to engage in "Mandela bashing", R. W. Johnson's recent contributions (articles, August 22, 23) seem to me to reflect the views of those in South Africa who appear to be more terrified than thrilled by the prospect and reality of change. As a leading newspaper in South Africa wrote recently, many of those "are so busy soaking in the bad news in South Africa that all the good that South Africa has achieved in the country is being blurred" (*Pretoria News*, August 2).

The political transformation in South Africa is an exciting and refreshing experience for the great majority of people, particularly those whose rights had been curtailed, repressed or denied in the past. The new South Africa is, by and large, characterised by a constructive and positive mood, despite daunting social and economic challenges.

The majority of South Africans feel the situation is improving and see a country with a new sense of national identity, a model liberal-democratic constitution, and an expanding economy. Archbishop Tutu very aptly wrote this week: "The air in South Africa is new; it has the freshness of freedom and the inspiration of a challenge" (*International Herald Tribune*, August 20).

The Government is tackling its challenges head on, not least through the recently announced macro-economic and crime-prevention strategies. Why not afford President Mandela's Government a fair chance to build on the successes already achieved?

Yours faithfully,
GERT J. GROBLER,
South African High Commission,
Trafalgar Square, WC2.
August 23.

Galapagos tortoises

From the Chairman of the Galapagos Conservation Trust

Sir, The mysterious deaths of giant tortoises on Santa Cruz Island in the Galapagos are certainly serious, but we do not yet know if the cause is a "deadly virus", nor whether there is a threat to the entire subspecies as your leading article, "Treasure islands no more" (August 23), suggests. The known toll so far is not scores but, as you reported correctly elsewhere in the same issue, eight dead and nine sick.

It is not true that the Galapagos have suffered "decades of breathtaking negligence". Until quite recently the islands were a model example of how to run a tourist industry within a national park. The situation has worsened in the 1990s, but it is unfair to put all the blame on the Ecuador Government. Conservation costs money and Ecuador has pressing economic problems. We believe that other, far wealthier countries (including Britain) could have done much more to help.

Introduced species of plants and animals, especially goats, threaten the islands' unique biodiversity. But at present fishermen — many of whom have migrated there in the last two or three years — pose a much greater threat than farmers. The Ecuadorean Constitution was recently amended to allow control of human immigration, and the newly installed President is currently reviewing a law which seeks to introduce it.

Ecuador needs international support in the fight to conserve Galapagos. If we cannot save a place as special as this, what hope is there for the rainforests, or any other threatened part of the planet?

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN FITTER, Chairman,
Galapagos Conservation Trust,
18 Curzon Street, W1.
August 23.

Royals and faith

From the Reverend Dominic Barrington

Sir, In a nation where all too few children learn any religion at their mother's knee (Dr Beckwith's letter, August 27; see also letters, August 23), let alone continue to practise it in later life, I would rejoice at an heir to the throne being brought up by a parent who was a committed member of a Christian church, whether Anglican, Roman Catholic or Nonconformist.

Surely the era has passed when denominational difference bears any serious relevance to a monarchy which has coped with being both Anglican and Presbyterian at the same time for some centuries?

Yours faithfully,
DOMINIC BARRINGTON
(Assistant Curate,
Mortlake with East Sheen Ministry),
5 Vernon Road, SW14.
August 27.

Business letters, page 29

Because of the delays resulting from the postal strikes it would be useful, where possible, if letters intended for publication could be faxed to 0171 782 5046.

Pub names

From Mr G. B. Richardson

Sir, Whilst I commend Richard Morrison ("Never mind Canova; save my pub", August 24) for his concern for the British pub and his desire to ensure the retention of historic pub names, I am somewhat miffed to read of his fears that the historic Greyhound Inn, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, is to be renamed "The Grunting Rutter".

As owner of the Greyhound and Chairman of The British Institute of Innkeeping, I assure him the Greyhound is in safe hands and will not be changing its name.

Had he carried out some of his investigative journalism at the bar of the Greyhound he would have found it was sensitively refurbished some 12 months ago and, whilst air conditioning was installed, all the traditional aspects were retained, cask-conditioned beers were increased and the regulars were consulted about the plans.

He would also have noted that the Greyhound is a pub without music of any kind, where the art of conversation still lives on.

Yours sincerely,
G. B. RICHARDSON,
Richardsons Inns,
Fifth Avenue House, Maxwell Road,
Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Exam questions to baffle and bemuse

From Sir Patrick Cable-Alexander

Sir, The following question was set in a recent examination:

In an attempt to bring about positive changes in working relationships, it has been agreed that a staff group should be set up with the aim of looking at the interactions between members and to explore interpersonal issues.

a) Describe some of the group processes that may hinder the effective working of the group in its early stages of defensiveness.
b) Discuss the facilitator's role, as a change agent, in helping the group to work through their defences.

I defy anybody to guess the profession for which this examination was set, let alone the meaning of the question. It actually comes from a paper for Enrolled Nurses upgrading to Registered General Nurse.

Quite what relevance it has to nursing and "client" (as patients are referred to in another question) care I do not know, and I doubt if anybody does. It is typical of the way the nursing profession has been hijacked by management and theory at the expense of good old-fashioned nursing care.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
PATRICK CABLE-ALEXANDER,
Windrush House,
Hoe Court, Lancing, West Sussex.
August 27.

'The greatest glory'

From Mr T. F. R. G. Braun

Sir, When Pericles, according to Thucydides, said "the greatest glory of a woman is to be least talked about by men", he was not casting women "in a negative role" (letter, August 26) but holding them in high respect. Causing offence to an Athenian's (unnamed) sister had cost the tyrant Hipparchus his life. Their menfolk would not stand for women's names being bandied about.

Compare Dr De Lacy O'Leary's warning in *Colloquial Arabic* (1926): "It is a grave discourtesy to refer to the women of a family; no inquiry after them can be made nor any remark which betrays a consciousness of their existence."

Twenty years ago I was the guest of a Syrian villager, custodian of the local antiquities. For a week I shared a room with his son. Was the father, I wondered, an otherwise childless widower? On the last day a door opened and I was presented to his smiling wife and ten beautiful daughters. "For any of these cherished women", said my host as he accompanied me to the bus, "I would give my life".

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS BRAUN
(Dean and Tutor in Ancient History),
Merton College, Oxford.
August 27.

Cats and cowpox

From Dr Derrick Baxby, FRCPath

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford, in his recent Medical Briefing, "Dangers lurk in a cuddle with your cat" (August 20), refers to my work on human and feline cowpox. In case any reader is worried about the risks of catching cowpox from their cat I must point out that cats do not carry cowpox virus; only cats with obvious skin lesions are a risk.

Feline cowpox is relatively uncommon and cowpox virus is of low infectivity for humans; the chance of catching cowpox from an infected cat is around 1 per cent, and no one has caught cowpox after the feline case has been diagnosed and simple precautions taken.

Incidentally the "wildlife reservoir" referred to by Dr Stuttaford is more likely to consist of bankvoles and woodmice than rats.

Yours sincerely,
DERRICK BAXBY,
The University of Liverpool,
Department of Medical Microbiology and Genito-urinary Medicine,
Duncan Building,
Daulby Street, Liverpool.
August 22.

Naval ordnance

From Mr James Meacham

Sir, Your reporter is quite wrong today to speak of *USS Missouri*'s "16-inch howitzers". The long tubes on this warship are guns. Howitzers are different things, used mainly by armies.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. MEACHAM
(Commander, US Navy (retd)),
The Pillared Cottage,
Witham on the Hill,
Bourne, Lincolnshire.
August 26.

A good runner?

From Mr Clive Thomas

Sir, Your report today accompanying the photograph taken in 1924 of the perfect AA member, Mr Albert Pantony, mentions that his 1923 Triumph motorcycle has given him 73 trouble-free years and is still going strong.

Is it too much to hope for that the same might be said of his elegant girlfriend riding pillion?

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE St J. THOMAS,
Hillside House,
Wrotham, Kent.
August 27.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 28: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 28: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, today visited HM Prison Peterhead, Salthouse Head, Peterhead, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farguharson of Whitehouse).

The Very Rev Eric Evans

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of the late Very Rev Eric Evans, KCVO, Dean of St Paul's, in St Paul's Cathedral on Monday, September 30, 1996, at 5.00pm. If you wish to attend, application for tickets should be made by Friday, September 6, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to Miss Penny Bewes, Events Co-ordinator, The Chapter House, St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4M 8AD. Telephone 0171 246 8318 or 246 8304.

Sir Brian Warren

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Brian Warren will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, October 3. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 3, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SW1P 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from September 23.

Birthdays today

Lord Attenborough, 73; Professor L. Barden, Vice-Chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, 65; Dr Yvonne Burne, Headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 49; Mr Michael Clarke, keeper, National Gallery of Scotland, 44; Viscount Devonport, 52; Dame Mary Donaldson, former Lord Mayor of London, 75; Sir Nigel Foulkes, former chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 77; Mr William Friedkin, film director, 57; Mr Elliott Gould, actor, 58; Mr Lenny Henry, comedian, 38; Mr Marmaduke Hussey, former Chairman, Board of Governors, BBC, (life peer), 73; Mr Michael Jackson, singer, 38; Lord King of Wartnaby, 78; Mr J.H.M. Mackenzie, former chairman, London and Northern Group, 71; Mr Tony Newton, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the Commons, 59; Mr Nicholas Nightingale, national secretary, National Council of YMCAs, 54; Mr Norman Plant, founder, Kent Opera, 76; Mr Greg Pope, MP, 36; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, N.M. Rothschild and Sons, 65; Mr Dick Spring, Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland, 46.

School news

Bedford School
The Christmas Term begins today with 724 boys in the Upper School and 390 in the Preparatory School. Miles R.B. Harris is Head of School and David J.E. Barrett Captain of Rugby. Speech Day will be on Saturday, October 19, when Dr Nicholas Tate, Chief Executive of SCAA, will be Guest of Honour. The Right Rev David Farnborough, OB, formerly Bishop of Bedford, will preach at the Annual Service of Remembrance on November 10. Mr James G.P. Crowden, KStJ, JP, OB (Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire) has assumed the Presidency of the Old Bedfordian Club. The OB Dinner will take place in the Erskine May Hall on Saturday, December 7, when Mr K. Srinivasin, OB, Deputy Secretary-General to the Commonwealth, will be Guest of Honour. The Old Bedfordian Rugby Matches will take place on Sunday, December 8.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Baptiste Colbert, statesman, Rheims, 1619; John Locke, philosopher, Wrington, Somerset, 1632; the Hon Charles Townshend, statesman, 1725; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1809; John Leech, illustrator, London, 1817; William Gully, 1st Viscount Selby, Speaker of the House of Commons 1895-1905, London, 1835; Maurice Maeterlinck, poet, Nobel laureate 1911, Ghent, 1862; Jean Ingres, painter, Montauban, France, 1870; Ingrid Bergman, actress, Stockholm, 1915; she died on this day, London, 1982.

DEATHS: John Lilburne, republican, Eltham, Kent, 1657; Edmond Hoyle, the "father of the whist", London, 1769; Joseph Wright, painter, Derby, 1797; Sir Charles Napier, general, Portsmouth, 1853; William Brockedon, painter, writer and inventor, London, 1854; Brigham Young, 2nd President of the Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1877; the Rev William Spooner, scholar and begetter of "spoonerisms", 1930; Queen Astrid, consort of Leopold III of Belgium, killed in a car accident, Lucerne, 1935; Cesare Pavese, novelist, Turin, 1950; Eamon de Valera, President of the Irish Republic 1959-73, Dublin, 1975; Lee Marvin, actor, Tucson, Arizona, 1987; Sir Peter Scott, naturalist and painter, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, 1989.

HMS Royal George sank off Spithead with the loss of more than 900 lives, 1782.

Michael Faraday successfully demonstrated the first electrical transformer, 1831.

The Treaty of Nanking was signed by the British and Chinese ending the Opium War, 1842.

The first motorcycle was patented by Gottlieb Daimler, Germany, 1885.

Reception

British Safety Council
Mr Ted Quigley, of the British Safety Council's Board of Governors, was the host at a reception held yesterday at Armourers' Hall for the Diploma in Safety Management awards.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Janette Taylor, Assistant Curate, St George's, Gloucester w Whaddon: to be Rector, Woolston w Alvington and Aylburton (Gloucester).
The Rev Roy Wyatt, Rector, Welford w Weston and Clifford Chambers: to be *also* Rural Dean of Campden (Gloucester).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Neville Biden, Curate, St John, Coulsdon (Southwark): to retire November 11.
The Rev Dr Murray Dell, Vicar, Lyme Regis (Salisbury): to retire October 31.
The Rev Keith Finnimore, Rector, Hawstead (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire August 31.
The Rev Jack Hay, Vicar, Woodhorn w Newbiggin (Newcastle): to retire October 5.
The Rev Dr Jack White, Chaplain of St John's, Izmir, Turkey (Europe): to retire November 30.
The Rev Roy Whiteley, Vicar, Wetley Rocks (Lichfield): to retire November 1.

Treasure trove of textile history comes up for auction

Designer's son saved work from being lost

By John Shaw

A COLLECTION of textile patterns saved during a family clearout 30 years ago is now set to make £70,000 as part of British design history.

They were the work of John Sylvester Wheelwright and show the changing nature of domestic interiors between 1904 and 1954. Wheelwright, at 35, was the youngest chief designer for Sanderson Fabrics in 1920.

He worked from a studio at Tonbridge, Kent, latterly, and during his career created more than 1,500 designs for furnishings, wallpaper, dress fabrics, bedcovers and silk ties. Drawings were found all over the house when he died aged 76 in 1962.

Dr David Wheelwright, one of his three sons, cleared the house but saved the designs and shipped them to his new home in Vancouver. Amanda Wheelwright, the designer's granddaughter, researched, collated and restored the collection and now 450 examples are being sold in London.

Susan Mayor, specialist in charge of the auction at Christie's South Kensington on November 19, said: "It is very fortunate they have survived. They are both highly fashionable and very desirable. This is a massive chunk of design history."

Wheelwright, who came from a family of artists at Bushey, Hertfordshire, won first prize for art at Berkhamsted School and served a two-year apprenticeship at the famous Silver Studio in London. He went freelance before joining Sanderson, the upmarket textile house.

Edwardian manufacturers were catering for the increasingly prosperous middle classes and his designs incorporating exotic and tropical birds, cabbage roses and naturalistic florals were popular. But decoration became more informal after the First World War.

Colours grew lighter and brighter. Persian and Eastern influences became popular, together with Romanticism. Wheelwright developed "The Italian Gardens" to reflect the Romantic mood. It struck a chord and became one of the most publicised designs of the 1930s.



The Italian Gardens, Wheelwright's most popular design, sold over a million yards

Bountiful greenery cascaded over decorative urns in a setting of rough-hewn steps. The pattern set a world record by selling more than one million yards. By then he had moved to Tonbridge and sold designs to other prestige firms such as GP & J Baker, Liberty, Warners and Ramm Sons and Cocker.

After the Second World War Wheelwright reworked some of his earlier motifs like "The Orchard at Redlands", a 30in-wide cloth in seven colours created in 1950. Using bright pinks, yellows and greens it shows a more vibrant approach than its model, "Orchard in the Spring", from 1920.

He continued working well into the 1950s with an interest that also included the technical developments of textile printing and production. He developed several machines but believed that the true advance was in multicolour rotary printing, a technique that was later perfected by others.

He was awarded the DSC after setting a 55-hour airship endurance record while on anti-submarine patrol during the First World War and when war broke out again he developed a rocket-powered kite for use by aircrew who ditched in the sea. The kite trailed a fine copper aerial which transmitted a home signal. It followed the death of his son David, an RAF pilot.

Miss Wheelwright, 35, said in Vancouver last night: "These designs were in packing cases at home and I became fascinated with them because you could really see the evolution of British taste from the turn of the century to the 1950s.

"GP & J Baker had one of his designs, The Dippers, still in production up to a couple of years ago and there are examples in the archive at the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York which show that they are really timeless."

Latest wills

Norman Frank **Thacker**, of Brailsford, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £5,706,479 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Beatrice Marion Willmott **Dobbie**, a retired medical practitioner, of Batheaston, Bath, Somerset, left estate valued at £1,598,151 net.
She left £50,000 to Girton College, Cambridge; 48 per cent of residue between St Ann's Hospice, Manchester; Dorothy House Foundation, Bath; National Trust; 30 per cent between Japan Animal Welfare Society; Greek Animal Welfare Fund; Lawson Tait; Medical & Scientific Research Trust; Help the Aged; and Church Army; 20 per cent between League Against Cruel Sports; Council of Justice to Animals and Humane Slaughter Association; Historic Churches Preservation Trust; CPRE; Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind; PCC of the Parish of Batheaston; Population Services; Shelter; World Wildlife Fund; Langley House Trust; 2 per cent between Manchester and District Home for Lost Dogs; Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society.

Stephen Charles **Ratcliff**, of Hollesley, Woodbridge, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,167,340 net.

Hugo Atherton **Chisenhale-Marsh**, of Epping, Essex, left estate valued at £3,464,278 net. He left £50,000 to the Chisenhale-Marsh Charitable Trust (1973).

Keith Edward **Volmann**, of Woodford Wells, Essex, left estate valued at £2,186,493 net.

Eric **Katz**, of Ashtead, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,016,093 net.

Joan **Pattison**, of Worplesdon Hill, Woking, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,312,652 net.

Constance Martha **Tilley**, of Balcombe, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,069,374 net.
She left £5,000 each to: British Diabetic Association; Rotary Club of Brighton Charity Trust; Rotary Club of East Brighton Charity Trust Fund; Tarner Home; Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research; Brighton Society for Welfare of the Blind; National Trust; and Salvation Army; £1,000 each to Talking Newspapers for the Blind; Inner Wheel Club of Brighton Charity Fund; Church of All Saints, Patcham, Brighton.

Dorothy Florence **May**, of Hammerwood, East Grinstead, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,168,644 net.
She left £15,000 each to: RNLI; Guide Dogs for the Blind; Queen Elizabeth Foundation for Disabled; Marie Curie Memorial Foundation; and Royal UK Beneficent Association.

Mary Edith Clare **Silcock**, of Myerscough, Garstang, Lancashire, left estate valued at £2,704,749 net.

Margaret Marion Ransford **Stafforth**, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £2,611,358 net.
She left £5,000 to the vicar and churchwardens of St Peter's Church, Harrogate. The remainder of her personal estate divided between: National Children's Home; Papworth Village Settlement of The White House; Enham-Alamein, Andover, Hampshire; The Bow Mission; Musicians' Benevolent Fund; Royal Star and Garter Home; Salvation Army; Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children; Arthritis Research Trust (Yorkshire); Harrogate Neighbours Housing Association.

Christopher **Saleedo**, of Formby, Merseyside, left estate valued at £1,899,019 net. He left his estate mainly to relatives.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.J.M. Buckley and Miss T.T.D. Medlicott
The engagement is announced between Edward, second son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Buckley, of Newnham, Hampshire, and Tania, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Medlicott, of Brunei, Darussalam.

Mr F. Byrne and Miss V. Colfox
The engagement is announced between Fergus, son of the late James J. Byrne and of Mrs Byrne, formerly of Kilcullen, County Kildare, Ireland, and Victoria, daughter of Sir John and Lady Colfox, of Symondsbury, Dorset.

Mr M.W. Foster-Brown and Miss K.S. Bowyer
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr Christopher Foster-Brown and Mrs Pamela Foster-Brown, of London, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bowyer, of Ashe Warren, Hampshire.

Mr A.J. Fraser and Miss S.M. Struthers
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of General Sir David and Lady Fraser, of Isington, Hampshire, and Stephanie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Struthers, of Craigmaddie, Milngavie.

Mr D. Leafe and Miss S.M. Cowie
The engagement is announced between Dan, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Leafe, of Ealing, London, and Susie, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H. Cowie, of Merton Park, London.

Mr L.M. Mair and Miss R.D. Woodhouse
The engagement is announced between Logan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Norman Mair, of Colinton, Edinburgh, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Woodhouse, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr D.G. Myrddin-Evans and Miss E.J. Holland
The engagement is announced between David Guildhaume, son of Mr and Mrs George Myrddin-Evans, of Llandefalle, Breconshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Holland, of Chaceley, Gloucestershire.

Mr T.K. Pogson and Miss S.J. Williams
The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Dr C.I. Pogson, of Offham, Kent, and Mrs E.H. Pogson, of Yalding, Kent, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.E. Williams, of Sampford Peverell, Devon.

Mr C.W. Tuke and Miss D.J. Slocombe
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Tuke, of Chelwood Gate, Sussex, and Denise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Slocombe, of Llandaff, Cardiff.

Mr A.J. Crean and Miss C.L. Crawshay-Williams
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Mr Michael Crean and of Mrs Michael Crean, of Lockerley, Hampshire, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Crawshay-Williams, of Beckley, East Sussex.

The Rev M.J. Standert and Miss S.C. Eaton Hart
The engagement is announced between Mark Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Derek Standen, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Susan Clare, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Eaton Hart, of Heytesbury, Wiltshire.

Mr B.M.J. Strickland and Miss C.A.L. Harrison-Topham
The engagement is announced between Benjamin Michael John, son of Mr and Mrs B.V.M. Strickland, of Battersea, London, and Charlotte Alexandra Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C.H. Harrison-Topham, of Cotescue Park, North Yorkshire.

Dr B.W. Westbury and Miss A.M. Jacob
The engagement is announced between Bruce, eldest son of Mr D.M. Westbury, of Hasketon, Suffolk and of the late Mrs S.A. Westbury, and Anne, daughter of the late William Noel Jacob and of Mrs H. Jacob, of Rugby.

Captain C.J. Whitehead and Miss V.J.I. Stephenson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Whitehead, of Kempsey, Worcestershire, and Vanessa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Stephenson, of Hepscott, Northumberland.

Mr T.G. Wikstrom and Miss L.A.C. Sjoholm
The engagement is announced between Ted, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ando Wikstrom, of Brussels, Belgium, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Leif G. Sjoholm, of Chelsea, London.

Marriages

Mr M.J. Rimmer and Miss S. Zamir
The marriage took place on August 10, at Naworth Castle, Carlisle, between Mr Michael John Rimmer, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Rimmer, and Miss Soraya Zamir, daughter of the late Vice Admiral A. Zamir, HI(M), SJ, and of Mrs A. Zamir.
The bride was given away by her brother Mr Youssaf Zamir.

Mr J. Vestbirk and Mrs R. Jones
The marriage took place on August 21, in London, between Mr John Vestbirk and Mrs Renee Jones, both of West Sussex.

Chartered Institute of Transport

The following have been elected to Fellowship and Membership of the Chartered Institute of Transport in the UK:

June
Fellowship:
A C Markides
M L Rogers
D A Teale.
Membership:
C A Beddoes, J W Green, M A Smith, R B Ward, J W Yellowlees, H Chaplain, K Roberts, R D C Thomas, S A Ayres, M D Bates, P M Bowkley, D Brady, M Earey, N L Whittle.

July
Fellowship:
P M Benham, M J Blyth, S C Hewitt, R L Howells, C W King, B J Welch.
Membership:
S J Alexander, D M Fisher, D H Haseltine, J H McIlroy, R J Pearce, M S Robinson, P J Sanderson, P A Bellotti, D Dawkins, C J Yewlett, H T Jones, A C Eagle, J F Everitt, A S Gardner, D S Hesketh, D J Hughes, C Jackson, R Page, T R Phillips, D Smith, W Ure.

August
Fellowship:
J R Coates, A-M Costain, C J Farnfield
Membership:
K G Barnett, A J Blackledge, J J Collins, J E Copping, A Davies, R G Farquharson, S.E. Haddad, A J Hanlon, T.C. Harrison, M T Hartshorne, R A Holmes, P J Kingston, B A Llewellyn, K P Pearson, L F Rivers, C P Smith, C A Sutton, M H S Thornley, M H Turner, N Aliee-Rastani, D A Begg, D C Baber, M D Bagshaw, B Barkan, K G Riley, M B Saidu, O Schnider, D T West, R J Woolley.

PERSONAL

These are the words of the Lord of Hosts: Administer true justice, show kindness and compassion to each other and do not plot evil against one another. Zechariah 7 : 9 (REB)

BIRTHS

ABDULLAH - On July 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Samira and Shariq, a beautiful daughter Zahra, a little sister for Shayaan.

ABRAHAM - On August 15th 1996, to Julie (Nutty) and Jonathan, a son, Tristan Barnaby Foakes, a brother for Isabel and Matilda.

COCKHILL - On August 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Laura (née Ryan) and Peter, a son, Conor D'Arcy

COLFOX/BYRNE - On August 24th 1996, to Victoria and Fergus, a daughter, Ismay Scarlet.

FAIRHEAD - On 23rd August, to Mark and Christina, a daughter Lucy Elizabeth. A sister for Nicola and Jonathan.

HERSHMAN - On August 12th to David and Abi a daughter, Florence Phoebe May, a sister for Alice, Isabel and Martha.

HUNT - On August 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Mary (née Price) and Anthony, a handsome son Charlie, a brother for Polly.

JUNGALWALLA - On August 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Bernadette (née Farrell) and Hoshi, a son, Haaron.

KENDALL - Imogen Olivia, born on Thursday 22nd August, a daughter for Fiona and Martin and sister for Edward.

KENNEY-HERBERT - On 27th August, to Emma and Michael a son Sam, brother for Max, Henry and George.

OATTS - On 21st August, to Liz (née Clarke) and Andrew, a son, Robert Peter Brydges.

REES - On August 24th 1996, to Sarah Jane (née O'Shaughnessy) and David, a son, Edward, Charles Rocyn.

SWEETING - On August 20th, to Sara (née Chilton) and Tim, a beautiful daughter, Georgia Elizabeth Claudia, a sister for Sophie.

BIRTHS

TAYLOR - On 15th July 1996, to Lavinia and Richard, a son, Sebastian Zinzan Lechmere, a brother for Elaine and Alexander.

THOMAS - On 21st August 1996, to Dominic and Maria (née Mason) a son Frederick Charles Scott, a brother for George William Scott.

YUKKI - On August 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Chiyoko and Hiroshi Kobayashi London U.K. Congratulations!

PEARL ANNIVERSARIES

TRAVIS-BARTLETT - Jean 30th Wedding Anniversary. Thanks for a lovely 30 years, here's to the next 30. With love forever Mike.

DEATHS

ALLAN - G.U. "Scotty", CBE, AFC, of Sydney, Australia on August 12th aged 96 years. Beloved husband of Barbara (née Millbourn) and father of Barbara Andrews.

ALLEN - Dr Maurice, retired from East Malling Research Station, died 25th August 1996. Cremation at Hereford 10 am Tuesday 3rd September, followed by Memorial Service in St Mary's Church Kington, at 2 pm. No flowers please. Donations to Kington Cottage Hospital League of Friends. Enquiries to A.W. Hughes, Sunnymead, Gladestry, Kington Herefordshire. Tel:(01544) 370217.

ALLOM - On August 17th 1996 peacefully after many years of ill health so bravely borne. Keith Stear Allom T.D. Adored husband of Jean, very loving father of Fiona Hodgson and grandpa of Barnaby, Toby, Poppy and Hugo. Family funeral has taken place.

DEATHS

BAXTER-PHILLIPS On August 26th, peacefully at her home, Barbara Nancy "Babette" (née Milligan) widow of Robin Baxter-Phillips and loving mother of Dawn. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hove, Wednesday September 18th at 10am. Flowers, or donations to R.U.K.B.A, c/o Attree & Kent, 114 Church Street, Brighton. Tel Brighton 688228.

BLAKE - On August 13th 1996 while on holiday in Russia, Rachel Joan De La Gaurde, Poet and Campaigner. Requiem Mass to be held at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Dorking. No flowers please but donations if desired for CAFOD and enquiries to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking. Tel: 01306 882266

BORDA - Lt-Col. Alfred V, late Royal Malta Artillery, widower of Rose, on 13th August peacefully at Casa Arkati, Mosta, Malta, comforted by the rites of Holy Church. He leaves to mourn his sad loss his daughters, Christine and her husband Bryan Gera, Catherine and her husband Martin Goodridge, Patricia and her husband Walter Camilleri, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

BREWER - On 24th August, 1996 peacefully John Richard, dear husband of Theresa, loved father of Jennifer and Penelope and grandchildren Antony Benjamin and Thomas. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium Main Chapel on Tuesday 3rd, September at 4 p.m. No flowers please but if desired donations for Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes may be sent to Eshne & Son Ltd. 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

DEATHS

DEUCHARS - Peacefully at home Mawgan-in-Meneage, Helston, Cornwall on 21st August 1996 aged 91. Eric Elgin, MA (Cantab), a man of many gifts, formerly Representative the British Council, Minia, Upper Egypt, teacher at Repton and Mill Hill Schools, Director, Institute of Jamaica, Head of Cambridge House and private tutor Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, husband of Ruth (née Pennigley), father of John and Simon and grandfather of Tamsin, Bruce and Alexander. Funeral Service, St. Mawgan-in-Meneage Church, Mawgan Nr. Helston, Cornwall on Saturday, 31st August, 1996 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations welcomed to RNLI c/o M.J. Keys & Son, Funeral Directors, St Martins Helston Cornwall TR12 6BT. Tel 01326 561 421.

DUNKLEY - John Richard, on August 24th 1996 suddenly, John aged 58 years. Beloved husband of Ann, Veronica, dearly loved father of Richard, Judith and Elizabeth, loving son of Dorothy and the late John, also loved father-in-law of Nathalie and treasured grandfather of Alexandra. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. A Requiem Mass will be held at St. Vincent's R.C. Church Altrincham on Tuesday 3rd September at 12 noon prior to committal at The Altrincham Crematorium at 1 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Messrs Ashton Brookes Funeral Directors; Church Street, Altrincham, Cheshire. Tel: (0161) 928 7816.

EVANS - Stephen Telford Byrn. On August 27th at Kent & Canterbury Hospital, aged 56. After a long illness borne with great humour and courage. Second son of Trevor and Sarah, brother of Michael and Patrick. Much loved by Sue, adored uncle, godfather and friend. Cremation on Friday 6th September at 10am at Barham (Canterbury) Crematorium. No flowers but donations if desired to The Children's Society attention Barbara Ashley, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL.

GOODHUE - Derek of Dublin, on 27th August 1996 in St. James' Hospital. Adored by Gertie, Katy and David, Heather, Michael and Nadia and Robbie. Funeral arrangements later. House private.

GREEN - John Edmund (Rev Dr), on 26th August 1996 at the Robinson Hospital Ballymoney (following a long illness). Husband of Jill, father of Katharine, Christopher and Claire, father-in-law of James. The funeral service was held in St Patrick's Parish Church, Ballymoney on Wednesday 28th August, followed by burial at Tartaraghan Parish Churchyard. Donations in lieu of flowers to Causeway Crossroads Care, c/o Canon E.R. Lavery, St Patrick's Rectory, Queen Street, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

GRIEVES - Ivan John (Major, Retired R.A.O.C) T.D., F.C.I.I., O.B. aged 61 years on 26th August contentedly at home, after a gallant battle against cancer. Beloved husband of Hazel and dear father of Jane and David. Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 3rd September 2.30pm Weston Mill Crematorium, Plymouth. Please no black - bright clothes. Flowers immediate family only. Donations to Portview Surgery or Cecily Baker Charity or Cornwall MacMillan Nursing Service c/o Peter Marsh, 39, Caradon Close, Derriford, Plymouth, PL6 6AJ. Enquiries East of Plymouth 01752 605550.

HALL - Dame Catherine Hall DBE, died peacefully after a long illness on August 26th 1996. Friend for over 40 years of Lillian Smith MBE. General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing from 1957-1982, Founder Chairman of The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing Midwifery and Health Visiting. Much loved and respected by her many friends who will miss her greatly. Requiem Mass at Buckfast Abbey on Monday September 2nd at 11 am. No flowers by special request but donations welcome for Rowcroft Hospice by notice, collection or c/o Mrs A. Bales, Marelle View, 36A Jordan Street, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

HEATON - Revd. Dr. Eric William peacefully in hospital in Oxford on 24th August 1996 aged 75 years. The funeral service will take place on Monday 2nd September at 2.30pm in Christ Church Cathedral followed by interment. No flowers, donations preferred please for Save the Children Fund c/o Reeves & Fain, 288, Abingdon Road Oxford. OX1 4TE. (Parking in the Meadow)

HILL - Michael Landon, on 26th August peacefully at home aged 85 years. Deeply loved husband of Anne and father of Susan, Caroline, Philip and James. Funeral at Dunsfold Parish Church on Monday September 2nd at 11.30 am. Donations to Dunsfold Church Fabric Fund c/o The Rev. G. Willis, The Rectory, Dunsfold, GU8 4LT.

ISOLANI - (née Zettenstrom) Karin Gunni Signe, b. St. Petersburg 1915, died peacefully London 26th August 1996. Loving and beloved by her husband, Kym, son Paul, sister Nellie, daughter-in-law Teresa and brother-in-law Bengt. Her long and peaceful illness was borne with characteristic courage and the comfort of her faith. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Simon Zelotes Church, Milner Street, London SW3 at 11am on Monday 2nd September. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common North Side SW4.

KEEP - Raymond Walter Keep, MC, retired Major. Late of West Yorkshire Regiment 2 Commando and 2nd SAS Regiment, peacefully and courageously on 26th August 1996. No flowers or letters please. Donations if wished to Regimentry Charities. Any enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services. (01483) 567333.

KENNEY - Nigel MA, PhD, ScD, on 24th August 1996, peacefully after a short illness in Papworth Hospital. Beloved husband of Gail and much loved father of Vanessa, Veronica, Celia and James. Service at St. John the Evangelist Church, Hills Road, Cambridge on Friday 30th August at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only but donations if desired to British Deaf Association, c/o Weyman Funeral Service, 26 Abbey Walk, Cambridge.

KHAN - (née Silbermann). On 24th August 1996 Margot, dearest beloved mother of Azra, who will always be missed. Funeral has taken place. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Royal Marsden NHS Trust, c/o Mr R. Birch, Finance Department, Fulham Road, London SW3 6JJ.

LYNN - Samuel Sidney husband of the late Mary, father of Robin, daughter-in-law Joan, granddaughters Penny and Suzanne, great grandchildren Robyn and Emmalyn. Passed away at home on August 22nd 1996. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Ullenhall on Tuesday September 3rd at 11.30 am followed by cremation at Oakley Wood 12.30 pm. Family flowers only.

McEWEN - James Boyd peacefully at home on 23rd August 1996. Much loved husband of Irene and devoted father of Anne, James, Thomas and Margaret. Funeral Service at Watlington Parish Church on 9th September at 10.30am followed by cremation for family only. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o Wraight & Sons, Funeral Directors, Emsworth.

MILNE - Walter Geoffrey JP, DL, on Tuesday 27th August aged 91 peacefully in hospital. Widower of Catherine (née Satterthwaite) and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather and brother of Joan Seccombe, late of Turkdean. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Turkdean, 2 pm on Tuesday 3rd September. Family and Turkdean Village only please. Memorial Service to be announced later. No flowers but if desired donations to Turkdean Church and any enquiries to Norman Trotman & Hughes, Funeral Directors. Tel: (01451) 860288.

PEARSALL - Phyllis, born 25th September 1906 of Shoreham, West Sussex. With affectionate apologies to all friends not personally apprised. "All will be well. All manner of things will be well."

VAUGHAN - Reverend Richard John MC, MA, CF, aged 87, peacefully at home on 27th August after a short illness. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at All Saints Church, Harrow Weald on Tuesday, 3rd September at 2.30pm, following a private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations in aid of The Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children or St Luke's Hospice may be sent to G. Saville & Son Ltd., 107 High Street, Wealdstone, Harrow HA3 5DL.

WHISHAW - Joyce Evelyn Mary on Wednesday August 28th 1996. Peacefully at Oakhurst Manor Nursing Home. Much loved mother of Anthony and Grandmother of Phoebe and Zoe. Service Beckenham Crematorium Elmers End Road, Beckenham, Kent. Wednesday September 4th 1996 at 12.0 noon. Flowers to Welham James Funeral Directors, 164 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1BJ Tel 01732 742400

WOODS - On August 24th 1996, peacefully at home, Angela Helen, much loved wife of Bill, mother of Christine and grandmother of Helen, Charles and Peter. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St John the Baptist Church, Boldre, on Friday August 30th at 3 pm. No flowers. Donations in her memory for Oakhaven Hospice may be sent c/o F.W. Hosse & Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire. (01590) 673142.

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THE Golden Eye Ball, the annual ball of the Friends of Moorfields Eye Hospital, will be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental, Hyde Park Corner on Saturday, October 19th. Tickets £65 each (£35 of the hospital) from Helen Newman or Gillian Hodge, c/o Fairchild Joyce & Elliott 0181 688 3922. Reg Charity No. 220637

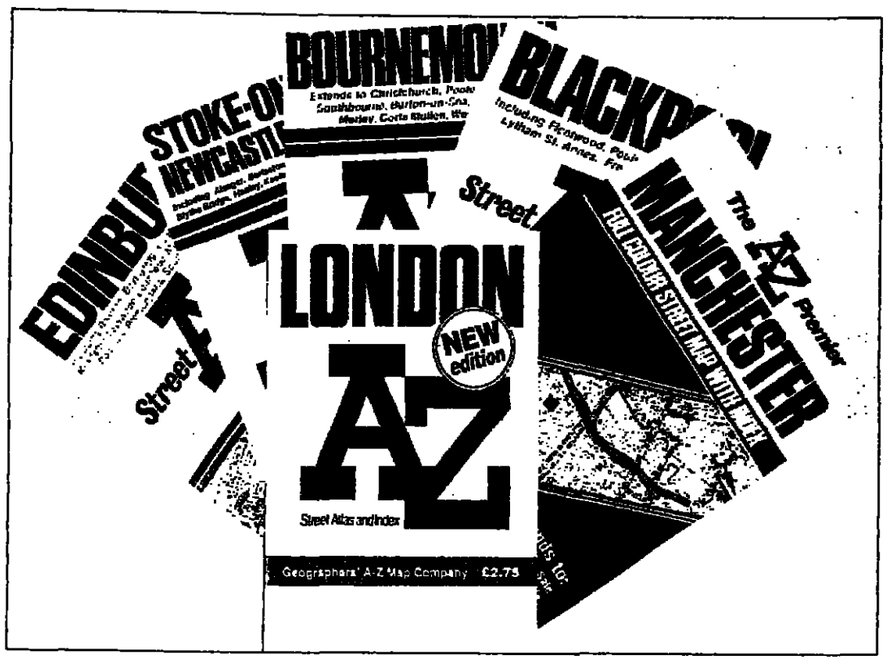
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OBITUARIES

PHYLLIS PEARSALL

Phyllis Pearsall, MBE, founder of Geographer's A-Z Map Company, painter and author, died on August 28 aged 89. She was born on September 25, 1906.



It was only in 1936 that Londoners were given a reliable guide to the confusing maze of the capital's streets. Published as the *London A-Z*, the map was the work of one woman — Phyllis Pearsall — who, from a bedsitter in Horseferry Road, had conceived, researched, printed and distributed it, with only the aid of a draughtsman. For the next 30 years Phyllis Pearsall regarded her lucrative publishing business as little more than a temporary means with which to finance her real vocation as an artist and writer.

She proved to be a highly unusual, indeed eccentric, businesswoman. She hated officialdom and never held board meetings, preferring to make up her mind about things on the spot. She refused to recruit new staff over the heads of her own people. And in 1965 she took the courageous step of handing over all of her personal company shares to her employees by setting up a trustee company on their behalf — a move which she hoped would safeguard the business against hostile takeover bids and hence allow it to retain its distinctive family atmosphere.

Thenceforth she gave up any legal right to dividends, pension rights or even employment, though the Geographer's A-Z Map Company continued to pay her a salary as its chairman and joint managing director. Phyllis Pearsall could be seen breaking the speed limit in her red Mercedes from her flat in Shoreham-by-Sea to the company offices in Sevenoaks well into her eighties.

A small, deceptively frail-looking woman, Phyllis Pearsall had lived an independent life from a young age. She was born Phyllis Isobel Gross, the daughter of an Irish-Italian mother and a Hungarian half-Jewish immigrant, Alexander Grosz (later Gross), who had come to England to avoid military conscription. After selling gas lamps as a door-to-door salesman, her father was able to open three shops, providing him with the capital to start a business publishing maps of the Balkan Wars, 1912-13, in partnership with *The Daily Telegraph*.

Phyllis was sent to Roedean, where she was unhappy, but left at the age of 14 after her father went bankrupt. He sailed for America, leaving Phyllis at the mercy of her mother, who was now living with the royal portrait painter Alfred Orr. Orr was not fond of children and refused to hear of Phyllis moving in. So, being fluent in French and German, she found a residential job teaching conversational English to students at the Collège des Jeunes Filles, Fécamp, in France.

Four years later she arrived in Paris, with no money. For the first few nights she was forced to sleep under newspapers on the streets but gradually she was able to eke



out a respectable living by painting portraits and writing for the English-language newspaper *John Bull*. She attended lectures on philosophy and Byzantine art at the Sorbonne and formed a friendship with Vladimir Nabokov, who shared her boarding house. Back in England in 1926, she met and married Richard Pearsall, an unsuccessful artist 16 years her senior. They embarked on a nomadic life in Europe, painting together in Spain (one of her etchings of Toledo Cathedral is in the print collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum). They parted company in Venice after eight years, before divorcing in 1938.

By then Phyllis Pearsall had moved back to London and was living in the bedsitter in Horseferry Road. She had the inspiration for her London maps in 1935 after being misdirected by the only street map then readily available, last updated in 1918. Having recruited her father's best map draughtsman, James Duncan, to join her Geographer's A-Z Map Company, she began the research for a completely new London map, to be based on the one drawn up by the Ordnance Survey but brought up to date.

"I had to get my information by walking," she recalled, "I would go down one street, find three more, and have no idea where I was. The *A-Z* was the first from Marble Arch to Edgware Road and from Finchley Road up to Harrow Road." She claimed to have covered 3,000 miles in all, rising at 5am, and walking daily for 18 hours to list the 23,000 roads. Despite her diligence, the first edition very nearly omitted Trafalgar Square altogether, after an accident with a shoebox which contained the "Tr-" entries.

In addition to the research, Phyllis Pearsall chose the weight of the paper, the size of type, the copy for the cover, compiled and proofread the index, and decided on a name — the *London A-Z* ("I couldn't think of anything else"). Once she had printed the first 10,000 copies, she persuaded the buyer at W H Smith to place an order for 250 on a sale or return basis. They proved an instant success.

During the war Phyllis Pearsall worked as a head of department in the Home Intelligence Division of the Ministry of Information, an experience which gave her a lifelong loathing for bureaucracy. She also produced a series of line drawings of women working in the Services and munitions factories, collected and published in 1990 as *Women at War*. Her company continued to thrive on its London guides, the demand now swollen by American and Commonwealth troops, and on its war maps. But after the war the business ran dangerously low on paper.

Phyllis Pearsall found that she could circumvent the rationing restrictions by having the maps printed in Holland and then imported, but disaster struck on one of her trips back from Amsterdam, when her Dakota hit a bank of fog and crashed into some woods in Surrey. She was pulled from the wreckage with a badly fractured skull and spine. Six months later, not yet fully recovered, she forced herself back to work, but in 1950 she suddenly went blind for three months, and two years later had a stroke.

With the chairman ill, the company hit a bad patch. In 1962 Phyllis Pearsall decided to move the business from its headquarters — then in Gray's Inn Road — to Sevenoaks in order to "pull it all together again". She continued as its chairman and joint managing director, as the business expanded to produce maps for Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Canterbury, Bath and Oxford and to extend its range to include atlases, superscale maps and road maps.

Despite her company's astonishing success, for which she was appointed MBE in 1986, Phyllis Pearsall always considered her real talents to lie in painting and writing, an opinion which was backed up by moderate commercial success. She regularly exhibited in London and out of town. Her published works included *Castilian Ochre* (1934) an account of her travels in Spain, *Only the Unexpected Happens* (eight short stories, published in 1985), a company history entitled *From Bedsitter to Household Name* (1990) and articles for the *New Yorker*.

She had no children.

DAME CATHERINE HALL

Dame Catherine Hall, DBE, General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, 1957-82, died on August 26 aged 73. She was born on December 19, 1922.



IN HER 25 years at the helm of the Royal College of Nursing, Catherine Hall saw a considerable change in the ethos in which nurses worked, and a considerable amelioration in those conditions — although not nearly as much as she would have liked. It was was she who oversaw the RCN's development as an effective trade union and during her stewardship she saw its membership grow from 30,000 to 200,000 (more than half the number of nurses working in Britain). Yet she was always aware that she had not achieved as much for nurses as she would have wished, particularly in terms of their pay.

Although she remained opposed to nurses taking industrial action in pursuit of pay claims, she was not without a strong grain of sympathy for those who did. Indeed, when the Royal College of Nursing registered as a trade union in 1977 she made it clear that she regarded this as an essential step in its development as a professional body which would command respect. In the 1980s the RCN grew faster than any other trade union to become the largest outside the TUC.

But Hall's preoccupations went deeper than pay and conditions. She was a strong supporter of the campaign that eventually led to the lifting of the ban on male nurses joining the RCN in the 1960s and also secured an extension of RCN membership for state enrolled and student nurses. Student status for nurses in training was not achieved until after she had retired, but it was during her period in office, in 1964, that the college reported to the Platt Committee on Education that trainee nurses ought to have student status and that schools of nursing should be separate from hospitals. In doing this she laid the foundations for nursing education as it is today.

Catherine Mary Hall was born into a background of disciplined service. Her father was a chief constable. She was educated at Hunmanby School for Girls at Filey, Yorkshire. From there her parents wanted her to go on and train to be a doctor, but her preference was for nursing.

The outbreak of war cut short the argument. With women required to choose between the Armed Forces, munitions manufacture, nursing and the Land Army, the way ahead was clear for Hall. In those days trainee nurses' pay was pitiful — a mere £12 a year. With her background, Hall was among the lucky ones and enjoyed a parental subsidy which was enough to make life palatable.

She was an outstanding student at the Leeds General Infirmary where she trained, and in 1950 she was awarded the first travelling scholarship to be awarded by the hospital. This enabled her to travel widely in Canada and the United States, giving her invaluable experience of teaching methods and administrative practices.

After a year of study at the Royal College of Nursing in 1953-54 she was appointed assistant matron at the Middlesex Hospital, London. In that post she developed her administrative skills, but she also demonstrated her concern for young nurses and the conditions in which they had to work. This aspect of her character made her one of the most popular matrons in London and fitted her for her next career step. Yet she had grown so fond of practical nursing that when the general secretaryship of the Royal College was advertised she did not at first apply. It required pressure from friends and colleagues to encourage her to take the job in which she was to make the central contribution of her life.

Once she had realised that the RCN post would give her an unrivalled opportunity to influence attitudes within the profession — as well as attitudes towards the profession from outside it — she was persuaded. Thereafter she wielded great influence on all aspects of nursing, not only within the United Kingdom, but also internationally. She represented the UK on the International Council of Nurses and sat on the expert panel of the World Health Organisation. At home she was appointed the first chairman of the UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, nursing's statutory body.

She was appointed CBE in 1967 and DBE in 1982, the year in which she retired. She had been awarded an Hon DLitt by City University in 1975.

In retirement in Devon she chaired a diocesan committee on social care and played an active part in increasing awareness on social care in the South West of England in general.

She was unmarried.

GROUP CAPTAIN WITOLD URBANOWICZ

Group Captain Witold Urbanowicz, Polish Battle of Britain fighter pilot, died in New York on August 17 aged 88. He was born on March 30, 1908.



Urbanowicz, second left, with King George VI, third left, at Northolt on September 26, 1940

THE top-scoring Polish pilot in the Battle of Britain, with a score of 17 German aircraft shot down, Witold Urbanowicz later added to his tally while flying with the US 14th Air Force in China. He ended the war with a total of 20 combat victories. For most of the autumn of 1940 he served with the legendary No 303 Warsaw-Kosciusco Squadron, which he rose to command.

The Polish squadron's steel-cold determination to destroy its opponents made it the most successful RAF unit during the Battle. But such resolve alone would not have been enough. The fact was that No 303's pilots were some of the RAF's most experienced even before the Battle began, since they had seen combat from the very first days of the Second World War. Added to this, the experience of witnessing their country's rape by the Wehrmacht in September 1939 had instilled in them an almost personal hatred of the enemy which was completely absent from the messes of British pilots, and had much to do with the age-old enmity between Teuton and Slav.

Many a German *Luftflotte*, heading into the Thames Estuary from its bases in the Pas de Calais, had reason to shudder with apprehension if it knew that No 303 had been ordered into the air. And many a German bomber squadron on the way home was astonished to be pursued and savaged relentlessly all the way to the open sea by 303, when it had imagined that the defenders would simply have been glad to see the back of the raiders and get home to the safety of their airfield.

Fiercely proud and often difficult to handle, Urbanowicz possessed in full measure the qualities that make a combat pilot and squadron commander. He had above all that relentless desire to be at hand-grips with the enemy that is the hallmark of the very finest fighting men. The Luftwaffe pilots had revelled in the "turkey shoot" of September the previous year when they had eliminated the Polish Air Force in a few days; in the summer and autumn of 1940 they learnt to expect a very different reception from the vengeful survivors of those dark days.

Yet Urbanowicz's war had almost ended before it began. A flying instructor at Poland's principal Air Force academy, he was in the air on the morning of September 1, 1939, with a pupil who was supposed to be simulating attacks on him. Unknown to him the German invasion of his country had begun a few hours earlier. Without warning, cannon and machinegun fire raked his unwieldy RWD high-wing monoplane and he had to take desperate evasive action as a Messerschmitt 109 circled for another pass. Only his skill enabled him to get himself and his student pilot down to the ground in safety.

Witold A. Urbanowicz was born in Augustow in what was then Russian Poland. He took up gliding at the age of 15 and in 1930, aged 22, he was accepted into the Polish Air Force Officers' training school at Deblin. He graduated in 1932 as a navigator and was posted to a bomber squadron. The following year he took a pilot's course and transferred to fighters.

In 1936 he became a flying instructor at the officers' school, a post he held until the outbreak of war. This meant that in 1939 he could not fight and instead had to shepherd a group of frustrated cadets out of Poland, through Romania and Syria to France. He reached Britain in the spring of 1940 and after a short refresher course on Hurricanes he was posted to 145 Squadron at Westhampnett to fill the gaps left by RAF losses.

On arrival, he was given a room which had the personal effects of the previous three occupants, and the black labrador of the last, still in it. He scored a kill during his first sortie, on August 8, 1940, and shot down a second enemy plane with 145 Squadron not long afterwards. After a short period with 253 squadron on August 21 he was transferred to 303 (Polish) Squadron, just forming at Northolt.

Ten days later the unit made itself operational in the course of a training flight by shooting down a German plane in a burst of insubordination that became famous. Six days after that its commanding officer was shot down and badly burnt, and on September 7 Urbanowicz took over command. Under his command, the squadron went on to become the most famous foreign squadron in the RAF, shooting down 117 German planes — the Battle of Britain squadron record.

Urbanowicz was certainly not always an easy man to get on with. He was highly opinionated, and his British commanding officer at Northolt thought him "stuck up". The truth was he could afford to be. He was two years older and far more experienced. He had also shot down more German planes than anyone else during the Battle of Britain, twice attaining the remarkable score of four in one day.

After the battle he was transferred to staff duties at 11 Fighter Group and worked on setting up No 1 Polish Fighter Wing at Northolt, of which he took command in April 1941. Later that year he went to the United States to lecture pilots on tactics, and later became assistant air attaché at the Polish Embassy in Washington.

Urbanowicz was burning to get into the air and back on combat duties, but he saw no possibility of doing this with the RAF since he had become a group captain for his US liaison post and was by RAF standards too senior to fly fighters — and at 38 too old. But in 1943 he was invited by General Claire Chennault to join the American 14th Air Force in China. There, Urbanowicz commanded a flight of 75 Squadron, the famous "Flying Tigers". In operations against the Japanese Air Force in 1944 he shot down three Mitsubishi Zero-Sen fighters.

He returned to staff posts in Britain and another stint as Polish Air Attaché in Washington, and was released from the Polish Air Force in October 1945. He had been awarded the Polish Virtuti Militari, the Polish Cross of Valour with three Bars, the DFC, the American Air Medal and the Chinese Flying Cross. Last year Lech Walesa created him a Brigadier-General in the Polish Air Force.

Urbanowicz wisely did not consider returning to Poland, and settled in the United States, where he took American citizenship. Over the next few years he worked for Voice of America.

He lived in New York with his wife and published three books of wartime reminiscences in Polish.

He is survived by his wife Jadwiga, and by his son.

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To: The Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police

To: The Proper Officer Wycombe District Council

To: The Chief Fire Officer of Buckinghamshire

I, ALISTAIR JAMES DUNCAN MORT of The Brewery, High Street, Mentmore, Bucks, SL7 1AL having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Business Development Manager HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Licensing District to be held at The Law Courts, Easton Street, High Wycombe on the 12th day of September next for the Provisional Grant to me of a Justices' Licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption either on or off the premises about to be altered at 120-123 Oxford Street, High Wycombe, Bucks and to be known as HOGSHEAD of which premises Whitbread Plc of Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4SD is the owner.

DATED this 22nd day of August 1996

Sinka Lapthorn
New Court, 1 Barnes Wallis Rd, Segensworth, Fareham, Hampshire PO15 5UA
Ref: SD.
Solicitors and agent for the Applicant.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Parquet Group Limited
IN LIQUIDATION
RULE 4.106 OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

TAKE NOTICE THAT WE, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD and Alan Thomas of Kidsons Impey, Spectrum House, 20-26 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6PX were appointed Joint Liquidators of the Parquet Group Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 14th August 1996.

DATED this 14 day of August 1996

Nigel John Hamilton-Smith and Alan Thomas
Joint Liquidators

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
John Barker Group Plc
Registered number 01996121
Nature of business: Holding Company
Trade classification: 23
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 22 August 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc
D J Pullen and T C Carter
Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos 5317 and 4012) of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

The Insolvency Act 1986
TEAMWORK ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 11th September 1996 at 4, Chancellors Square, London EC1M 6BN at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Chancellors Square, London, EC1M 6BN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 22nd day of August 1996

By Order of the Board
R. RATTERSBY, Director

Phase IV Systems Limited
IN LIQUIDATION
RULE 4.106 OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

TAKE NOTICE THAT WE, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD and Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA were appointed Joint Liquidators of Phase IV Systems Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 15th August 1996.

Nigel John Hamilton-Smith and Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan
Joint Liquidators

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above companies intends to make a distribution to the creditors within four months after 4 October 1996. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith at, KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 4 October 1996, which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.

Note: Some companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.

Dated 15 August 1996
R SMITH - LIQUIDATOR

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SAUNDERS, CAROLINE SUSAN MAY SAUNDERS otherwise MAVIS SAUNDERS SPINSTER late of Finchley, London NW3 died at Barnet, Hertfordshire on 3 December 1995 (Estate about £7,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

THE PEKING ZOO

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

About 10 minutes north-westward along a main road from the centre of the city lie the Peking Zoological Gardens. As I enter through turnstiles into a courtyard, Chinese style, I find myself immediately in a spacious park. Originally a private zoo of about 3½ acres belonging to the Imperial family, it now runs to over 400 acres and is still expanding . . .

The Peking Zoo is an enormously popular local feature. It houses some 3,000 animals of 400 species, a figure that corresponds approximately with that of London. Visitors total four million a year. During my visit there seemed to be in the park almost that number of "under-1-metre" patrons alone——children of that size are admitted free.

Blue-clad families with infants tottering along grasping the hands of their parents, or still tinier *wa-was* hoisted on father's shoulder, alternated with countless crocodiles from the schools on education bent. In crocodile, or pausing by the animals, these children were grave, and more decorous than they might be in our country, but as they foregathered to rest and unwrap food parcels in a little centre surrounded by a ring of ronfed sheds like cloisters, their inhibitions vanished and a hubbub rose to heaven . . .

ON THIS DAY

August 29, 1961

Giant pandas are always good copy. Who can forget the media's fascination with the mating of London Zoo's Gi-Gi and the Russian An-An?

The stock is evidently in fine condition and the Director, Dr Tsui Chanping, a tall slim young man with gentle manners, on the best of personal terms with all his charges; the coal-black Hainan gibbon came running up and clutched its shoulders, crooning and rolling in an ecstasy of love as soon as he addressed it.

The pride of the collection to date are little-known Chinese animals, some of them of extreme rarity. There are surprisingly little gurials from the mountains near Peking itself, from Manchuria red-headed cranes and a splendid lightish-striped tiger, a male over 9 feet long weighing about 500lb., a snow leopard from Tienshan, a wild yak——small and black——from north-west Tibet, several white-lipped deer, the beautiful, tall, snub-nosed Golden Monkey from the Yunnan, the fierce and powerful Golden Takin from Szechuan . . .

The only Giant Panda outside the eastern countries is Gi-Gi, in our own Zoo. In China there are now Giant Pandas in captivity in five different zoos. In the wild they are confined to a very narrow, mountainous region of Szechuan, living usually at a height of from 10,000 to 10,700ft . . .

Gi-Gi——our specimen takes its name from the Gi (pronounced "Jee") Mountain where it was found——has not been definitely identified in London as a boy or girl and Dr Tsui confirms that Chinese scientists have not been able to find any anatomical indications of sex in the Giant Panda before the animals are five or six years old.

However, so say Chinese zoologists, experts can tell from behaviour and appearance. The female is gentle and more sociable, the male inclined to be moody and irritable. When the two are seen together, the female is perceptibly a finer colour, looks cleaner, has a better fur. Before Gi-Gi left Peking, the Chinese zoologists considered that she was probably a female; now that she is approaching six years old London opinion based on her mild demeanour would probably concur.

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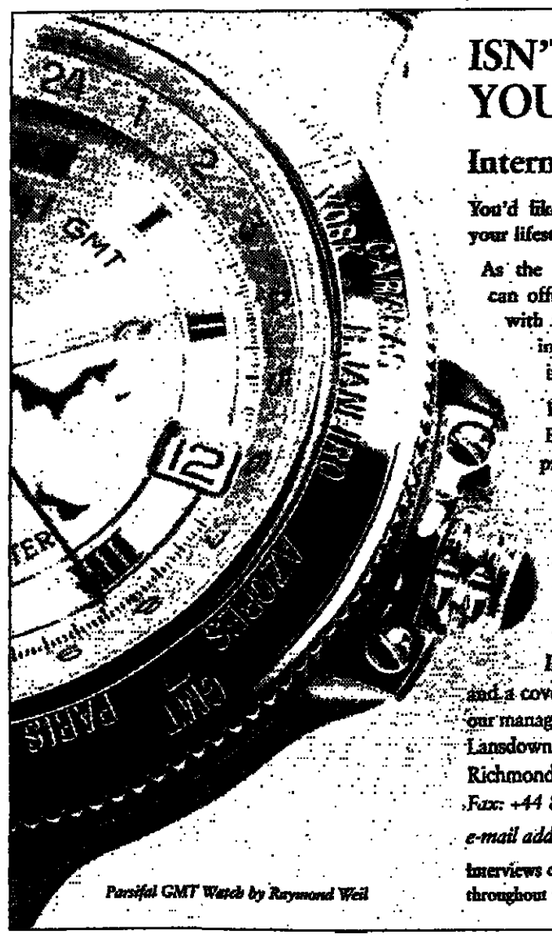
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NEWS

Prince not likely to remarry soon

■ The marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales was finally ended with the granting of a decree absolute yesterday as the Prime Minister said there was no immediate prospect of the Prince marrying again.

Stripped of the title HRH, Diana, Princess of Wales, began her new life as a single woman wearing a broad smile and her wedding and engagement rings as she attended a lunchtime engagement in London Pages 1, 4, 13, 14, 15

Tories win back middle classes

■ The Tories are winning back middle-class voters amid signs of greater public optimism about the economy, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*. The party has recovered to level-pegging with Labour among the middle classes for the first time in two and a half years Page 1

Eyes do not have it

The Advertising Standards Authority issued an unprecedented rebuke to a political party when it ruled that the Tory demon eyes poster of Tony Blair breached the industry's code Page 1

Another Botham

Liam Botham, 19, son of England's greatest all-rounder, announced his arrival in the county game with a first appearance that proved he has his father's theatrical talent Pages 1, 45

Loyalist purge

The loyalist paramilitary leadership cracked down on its hardliners when it ordered two men to leave Northern Ireland within 72 hours Page 2

Politicians fear film

The Venice Film Festival is awaiting the premiere of Liam Neeson's film about Michael Collins, an early founder of the IRA. But politicians are said to be dreading it Page 3

Cola hijackers

The hijackers of the Sudan Air Airbus who surrendered at Stansted launched their takeover by smashing cola bottles Page 4

Architecture fine

Gabriele Bramante, whose Kingston Citizens' Advice Bureau building won the BBC Design award for architecture, was fined £2,000 because she is not registered as an architect Page 5

Class act

Sydney Carter, an 81-year-old folk singer, had his biggest chart hit when his songs filled three of the top six places in the first ever listing of the most popular songs in school assemblies Page 6

Modern secretaries

Reports of the demise of the office secretary have been exaggerated. Far from disappearing with her shorthand notebook and pencil, the modern secretary has become more vital than ever Page 7

Wanton widows

Wealthy widows from Europe are adopting teenage boys in Sri Lanka for sex by showering them with gifts, according to a human rights organisation Page 8

Chirac's holiday ends

President Chirac returned from holiday to be greeted by a sliding franc, depressed voters, a "gloomy" Cabinet and threats of industrial action Page 9

Arafat urges uprising

Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian president, called on followers to rise up against Israel in a campaign of civil disobedience, saying the Jewish state had declared war on his people Page 10

Clinton arrives

President Clinton was arriving in Chicago for his coronation at a Democratic convention galvanised by the First Lady and united as rarely before Page 11

Ex-laird sparks chicken or Eigg row

■ A question of who came first to the island of Eigg yesterday threatened to upset a £2 million public appeal to wrest it from private ownership. A former laird said that island settlers were "chancers" who had driven away native Hebrideans. But islanders said that many had been there for generations, while the one-time laird came from Yorkshire Page 7

DESMOND BOYLAN



Purée heaven: Revellers at the annual Tomatina festival in Buñol, eastern Spain, enjoy themselves among 100 tons of tomatoes

BUSINESS

W H Smith: W H Smith reported the first loss in its 204-year history and admitted that it was up to four years away from a full recovery Page 25

Lloyd's: The Lloyd's of London council is expected to press ahead formally with its £3.2 billion reconstruction after winning an endorsement of the recovery plan for the insurance market Page 25

Hanson: The Hanson conglomerate revealed that it will spend £95 million on splitting the group into four companies Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 13.0 points to close at 3918.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.8 to 85.0 after a rise from $1.5557 to $1.5595 and from DM2.2987 to DM2.3015 Page 28

SPORT

Rugby union: Scotland, Ireland and Wales stood back from the expulsion of England from the five nations' championship. A decision will be made next week Page 48

Cricket: England's record of 14 wins from the past 19 completed Texaco Trophy games will receive a stern examination by Pakistan, starting today Page 45

Cycling: Chris Boardman lowered the world record for the 4,000 metres pursuit by a remarkable 6.346 sec on the opening day of the world track championships in Manchester Page 48

Football: Manchester City held a board meeting to discuss their managerial vacancy amid speculation that George Graham is poised to turn the job down Page 48

ARTS

New films: Bernardo Bertolucci returns to his native Italy for his latest film, *Stealing Beauty*, which is filled with idyllic images and an absorbing narrative. But there are few bright sparks in John Travolta's *Phenomenon* Page 33

New on video: The BBC releases three classic episodes from *Hancock's Half Hour*: Claude Lelouch's 1995 remake of *Les Misérables* sends Victor Hugo into the 20th century Page 34

Star disappoints: Alan Bates gives an on-again, off-again performance as Chichester revives Turgenev's *Fortune's Fool* Page 35

Festival flop: The Edinburgh Festival is lumbered with an insubstantial drama from the German Botho Strauss Page 35

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BODY AND MIND

Dr Thomas Stuttaford looks at drugs that can kill or cure, hidden skull fractures, alternative medicine and early hay fever Page 12

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Business is best: Holiday airlines are being pushed out of Gatwick to airports such as Stansted to make room for scheduled airlines for business people Page 38

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Through history: Richard Dawkins on evolution; David Pryce-Jones traces a tragedy; Bruce Boucher on enchanting an empress; Peter Stothard looks at Livy Pages 36, 37

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In San Diego, we saw Dole as he really is: an ex-soldier, and a politician who preaches a return to traditional values. But in Chicago, we see Clinton as he really is not, a man who has put aside for a better occasion — or perhaps forever — his radical personality.

ABC, Madrid.

TV LISTINGS

Preview: British troops are wanted in Angola but the Treasury says no. *Defence of the Realm* (BBC1, 10pm). **Review:** A happiness course has Matthew Bond fuming Page 47

OPINION

Crime and crisis

The horrendous Marc Dutroux affair has brought Belgians together across their sharp linguistic and cultural divide. But increasingly they are united in doubt and disgust with their fractured and scandal-ridden political system Page 15

Gender politics

The public standing of Mrs Clinton and Mrs Dole reflects changing perspectives towards women. After race, gender is now the most striking and significant division in the electorate Page 15

Another country

If the childhood maketh the man, what is a man to do whose family background clashes with his adult image? Page 15

COLUMNS

MAGNUS LINKLATER

In one respect, the Prince of W[illegible] may be ahead of his time, and, as the years begin to heal the wounds of the divorce, he could regain the support he has lost Page 14

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Maturity comes to most people sooner or later, and the mature values of a society allow it to survive through many generations. If you want to know what Britain really thinks, you had best talk to the old women, and particularly to those not of the upper class. They are the nation's repository of the permanent truths Page 14

JOHN BRYANT

Can an Olympic sprinter save English football? It's a thought prompted by the latest signing at Ruud Gullit's multi-national Chelsea, not another Italian or Frenchman, but a British athlete Page 44

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Phyllis Pearsall, creator of the *London A-Z*; **Group Captain Witold Urbanowicz**, Battle of Britain pilot; **Dame Catherine Hall**, former General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing Page 17

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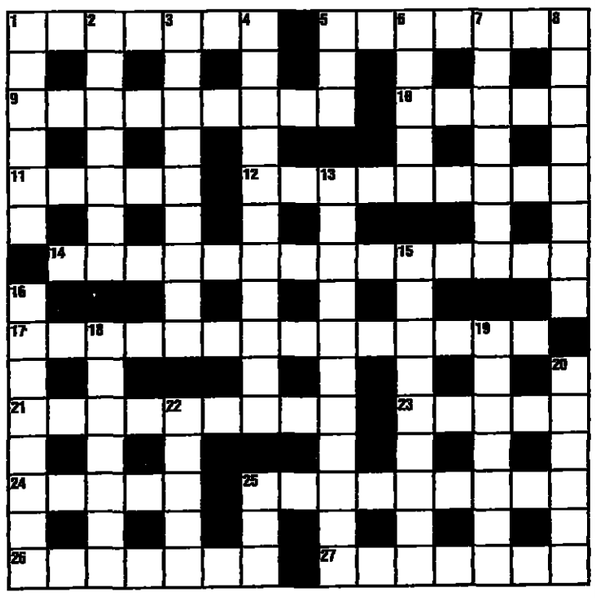
TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **CHINA'S RICHES**
Free 32-page guide to the British Museum's spectacular Mysteries of Ancient China exhibition

■ **WHO'S WHO**
A roll call of the people in power in Britain today

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,259



ACROSS

1 Finance record arrears (7).
5 Argument is settled between the lower classes (7).
9 Concession that's total, with nothing we can change (9).
10 Players' very inconclusive attack (5).
11 Note going back and forth (5).
12 Curse about player returning one from Sibyl's pack (5,4).
14 Watch lady there in farcical production? (7,7).
17 In which one must speak well (7,7).
21 Like Argus, she prayed to be transformed (5-4).
23 Board's support to take pressure off pound (5).
24 Shows hesitation in States (5).
25 No ties required in this establishment (4,5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,258

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DOWN

1 Composer changes sitar's introduction for a Hindu god (6).
2 Officer left unit in depression (7).
3 Daisy-cutter that helps the bowler (9).
4 Dramatist cold about everything in relation to inheritance (11).
5 Small cube in sink (3).
6 Pole with handle used as spear, partly (5).
7 Raise jump for this Johnny-come-lately (7).
8 Criminal lied over having reformed (8).
13 Being put out to grass in secluded headland (11).
15 Recent bizarre headgear – spring in the air? (9).
16 Where to find out what goes on behind the scenes? (3-5).
18 Cosy place to dine in, extremely smart (7).
19 Occult book included in course materials (7).
20 Woolly jumper, say, extremely cosy (6).
22 Gone on a course (Italian) (5).
25 Qualified tailor (3).
26 Concentrate on former partner's territory (7).
27 Surfeit of empty theory on French composer (7).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Solent, Hampshire, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highlands, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Leeming, North Yorkshire, 0.87in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 11.5hr

FORECAST

☐ **General situation:** eastern England will have a dismal day, wet at times with some heavy rain and with strong northerly winds reaching gale force along the North Sea coast. Central England will be generally cloudy with a little rain and fresh winds. Wales and westerly parts of England should have a brighter day with only a few showers.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a mostly dry day, bright at times, though cloud will increase. Some rain is expected in southeast Scotland during the day and in the far northwest of Scotland in the evening. Temperatures will be generally below average and it will feel cool over eastern England.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England:** wet at times, some heavy rain. Wind northerly, strong to gale. Chilly. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** bright early cloud increasing with a few showers. Wind northerly, moderate or fresh. Rather cool. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **E Midlands, Central N, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** becoming mostly cloudy with some rain at times. Wind northerly fresh or strong. Cool. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly dry and bright but cloud increasing. Wind northerly, moderate. Cool. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **NW Scotland:** bright start but cloud increasing. Some rain in evening. Wind northwest, light. Cool. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** unsettled with further showery rain; starting to improve during Saturday.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.9	0.01	17	63	c	Lowestoft	X				
Anglesey	X					Manchester	4.8	0.11	19	66	t
Aviemore	-	0.26	13	55	r	Margate	X				
Belfast	8.3	-	17	63	b	Minehead	X				
Birmingham	3.8	0.15	20	68	t	Morecambe	X				
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Bristol	6.1	0.04	20	68	t	Newquay	6.6	0.01	16	61	c
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Cardiff	3.9	0.01	19	66	sh	Oxford	X				
Clacton	4.3	0.17	18	64	r	Penzance	X				
Colwyn Bay	X					Poole	X				
Cromer	X					Scarboro'	X				
Eastbourne	X					Shanklin	X				
Edinburgh	4.9	0.04	19	66	s	Shrewsbury	5.4	0.08	18	64	t
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Exmouth	X					Southend	X				
Falmouth	4.0	-	18	64	b	Southport	X				
Fishguard	3.7	-	15	59	b	Stornoway	0.1	0.01	13	55	c
Glasgow	X	X	X	X		Swanage	8.7	0.01	20	68	t
Hastings	X					Teignmouth	X				
Hove	8.1	-	21	70	b	Tenby	8.7	0.01	18	64	s
Hunstanton	X					Tiree	5.2	-	15	59	b
Isle of Man	6.9	-	18	64	b	Torquay	X				
Jersey	X					Tynemouth	X				
Kinloss	0.2	0.28	15	59	r	Weymouth	X				
Leeds	4.8	0.28	19	66	t						
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Littlehmpton	X										
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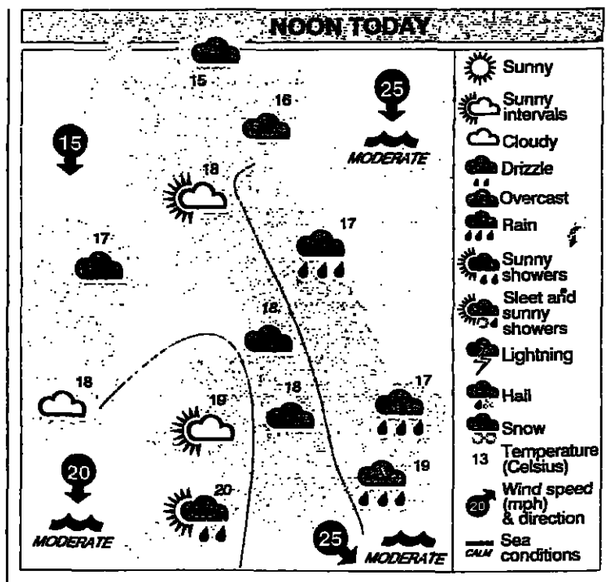
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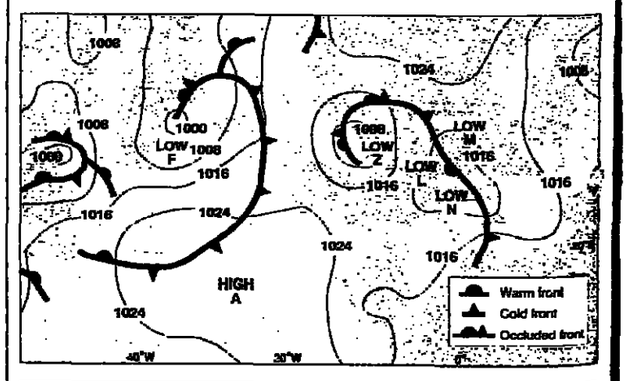
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Algiers	32	90	s	Dubrovnik	27	81	s
Amst'dm	19	66	f	Faro	27	81	c
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	27	81	c
B Aires	17	63	s	Frankfurt	22	72	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Funchal	25	77	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Geneva	17	63	f
Barbados	31	88	f	Gibraltar	29	84	s
Barcelona	26	79	s	Helsinki	18	64	r
Beirut	29	84	s	Hong K	31	88	s
Belgrade	30	86	f	Innsbruck	19	66	f
Berlin	22	72	s	Istanbul	28	82	f
Bermuda	28	82	f	Jeddah	36	97	s
Biarritz	19	66	f	Jo'burg	23	73	s
Borde'x	22	72	f	Karachi	X		
Brussels	27	70	f	L Angeles	20	73	s
Budapst	27	81	f	L Palmas	25	77	f
Cairo	32	90	s	La Tquet	19	66	f
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Lisbon	22	72	s
Ch'church	12	54	-	Locarno	20	68	f
Chicago	25	77	s	Luxembg	20	68	f
Cologne	21	70	f	Luxor	37	99	s
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Majorca	30	86	s	S Fr'isco	20	68	f
Malaga	24	75	f	S Paulo	30	86	s
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Miami	29	84	s	Seoul	30	86	r
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Montreal	20	68	s	St'kholm	22	72	s
Moscow	20	68	s	Strasb'rg	23	73	s
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Naples	30	86	f	Tokyo	25	77	f
Nice	25	77	f	Toronto	21	70	c
Oslo	22	72	f	Tunis	39	102	f
Paris	18	64	s	Valencia	28	82	f
Peking	27	81	s	Vanc'ver	22	72	s
Perth	18	64	c	Venice	25	77	f
Prague	17	63	c	Vienna	25	77	f
Reykjavik	10	50	c	Warsaw	21	70	f
Rhodes	30	86	s	Wash'ton	30	86	f
Rio de J	29	84	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	-
Riyadh	42	108	s	Zurich	21	70	f

Temperatures at midday Tuesday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high A will remain slow-moving, building slightly; low Z will drift N and fill; low F will move NE and fill; lows L, M and N will fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1:40	7.4	1:59	7.3	Leith	2:24	5.9	2.56	6.0
Aberdeen	1:04	4.8	1.42	4.5	Liverpool	11.23	9.9	11:40	10.3
Avonmouth	7:19	14.1	7:41	14.6	Lowestoft	9:19	2.8	10:06	2.6
Belfast	11:14	3.6	11:31	3.8	Margate	0:02	4.9	12:13	5.0
Cardiff	7.17	12.9	7.39	13.3	Milford Haven	6.14	7.3	6:34	7.6
Devonport	5:53	5.5	6.12	5.8	Newquay	5:08	7.2	5.27	7.5
Dover	11:12	7.1	11.39	6.9	Oban	5:50	4.0	6:13	4.1
Dublin (N Wall)	11:43	4.2	11.48	4.5	Penzance	4:40	5.8	5.01	6.1
Falmouth	5:19	5.3	5:41	5.6	Portland	7.03	2.2	7.24	2.4
Greenock	0:24	3.6	12:51	3.4	Portsmouth	11:31	5.0	11:46	5.0
Harwich	11:51	4.3	-	-	Shoreham	11:31	6.7	11.50	6.7
Holyhead	10:26	5.8	10:41	6.2	Southampton	10:53	4.9	11.11	4.9
Hull (Albert D)	6:05	8.2	6:45	8.0	Swansea	6:21	9.9	6:44	10.3
Ilfracombe	6.05	9.8	6.27	10.2	Tees	3:30	5.8	4:03	5.8
King's Lynn	6.08	7.4	6.34	7.1	Walton-on-Naze	11:50	4.4	-	-

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.09 am
Sun sets: 7.53 pm
Moon sets 7.01 am
Moon rises 8.06 pm

London 7.53 pm to 6.10 am
Bristol 8.03 pm to 6.20 am
Edinburgh 8.14 pm to 6.14 am
Manchester 8.05 pm to 6.15 am
Penzance 8.12 pm to 6.34 am

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